

## Akinola refuses to Title

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From ACNS : "Nigerian archbishop will not attend Committee meeting

The Archbishop of Nigeria has indicated he will not attend the annual meeting of the Joint Standing Committee of the Primates and the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC), which meets in Canterbury from today.

The Most Revd Peter Akinola is unable to meet with the members of the joint committee because of the presence of a representative of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America (ECUSA).

Archbishop Akinola said - in a statement emailed to the Anglican Communion Office in London from his staff last week - that he would not sit at any meeting with representatives of ECUSA as that Province had allowed the consecration of the Rt Revd Gene Robinson to be Bishop of New Hampshire last year. Bishop Robinson is the first openly gay cleric to become a bishop in the Anglican Communion. By attending such meetings, the Archbishop added, he would "undermine the Nigerian Church's position" as stated in recent communiqués from the Council of the Anglican Provinces of Africa (CAPA)."

Full statement : [www.anglicancommunion.org/secretariat/index.cfm](http://www.anglicancommunion.org/secretariat/index.cfm)

Comment:

Praise God that Peter Akinola understands and is prepared to live by the biblical injunctions to separate from false teachers.

Ultimately there is no way that Rowan Williams, Frank Griswold, Robin Eames or others will split. Underneath they all believe that the Bible is not the Word of God and that they are free to choose which bits they live by and which they will not.

David Phillips, General Secretary, Church Society

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