



# News Release

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## **No leadership in Kanuga**

Faced with the relentless disintegration in the world wide Anglican Church its leaders have decided to avoid facing up to the problems.

The Anglican Communion, of which the Church of England is the historic source, has been bitterly divided by theological and moral issues, in particular the response to homosexual practice. In provinces where the official teaching has moved away from biblical teaching, severe splits have already emerged.

Meeting in Kanuga, North Carolina, the Primates of the Communion were expected to address the issues which have created these divisions. Instead they issued a bland statement of their desire 'to seek for ways to secure sustained pastoral care for all in our communion'.

Bishops and Archbishops have historically had the duty to "banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrine". In contrast the decisions at Kanuga are designed to include everyone and exclude no-one.

The Revd David Phillips, General Secretary of Church Society said today, "Everyone was hoping that the Archbishops would take the problems seriously and do something at Kanuga, but they appear to have buried their heads in the sand.

"Anglicans around the world had been waiting for a clear message from their leaders. What has emerged is just noise. By affirming everything they have said nothing."

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