

# MALINES CONVERSATIONS GROUP

COMMUNIQUÉ  
20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022

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The postponed eighth international meeting of the Malines Conversations Group took place between Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Initially proposed to take place in 2020, prior to the centenary celebrations of the Malines Conversations in 2021, the Group was delighted to meet in Madeira, commemorating the meeting of Viscount Halifax and Abbé Portal on the island in 1889/90. This encounter, and the subsequent friendship that developed, was foundational for the initial Malines Conversations and the subsequent international theological dialogue between the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion. Under the patronage of The Right Reverend and Right Honourable The Lord Williams of Oystermouth (former Archbishop of Canterbury) and His Eminence Cardinal Josef de Kezel (Archbishop of Mechelen-Brussels), the Malines Conversations Group comprises Anglican and Roman Catholic theologians from seven different countries and meets with the encouragement and support of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity and Lambeth Palace. It includes members of both ARCIC and IARCCUM.

The Group was welcomed by the Bishop of Funchal, The Most Revd Nuno Bras da Silva Martins, who co-presided at a service of Ecumenical Vespers alongside The Right Reverend David Hamid, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese in Europe. The Anglican Parish of Holy Trinity, Funchal, welcomed the group for a Sunday Eucharist, and was warmly hosted by Fr Michael Jarman and his parishioners.

In December 2021, the Group was delighted to publish *Sorores in Spe*, arguing for a reassessment of the negative judgement on Anglican Orders made by Pope Leo XIII in 1896. There have subsequently been two public seminars on this text and its reception, at the Angelicum and at the Centro Pro Unione in Rome. During the course of their Madeira meeting, the Group deepened its own thinking on issues surrounding apostolicity, sacramentality, gender and ministry. During seminars and conversations, the Group was once again guided and challenged in its thinking by several companions and guests including The Revd Professor Gordon Lathrop, Professor Barbara Hallensleben, Mme Olga Lossky, Professor Tamara Grdzeldze, The Revd Professor Angela Berlis and Professor Thomas O'Loughlin.

The meeting took place within the context of daily prayer. The group's next meeting is scheduled for May 2023.

The text of *Sorores in Spe* can be accessed in English, Italian, German, French and Spanish at [www.malinesconversations.org](http://www.malinesconversations.org).

ANGLICAN MEMBERS:

The Revd Canon Professor Sarah Coakley, *Norris-Hulse Professor of Divinity Emerita, University of Cambridge, UK; Washington DC*

The Revd Canon Dr Jennifer Cooper, *Director of Initial Ministerial Education, Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle; Research Fellow, Campion Hall Oxford, absent*

The Most Revd Ian Ernest, *Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative to the Holy See, and Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome, observer, absent*

The Right Revd Dr David Hamid, *Suffragan Bishop of the Church of England Diocese in Europe; Co-chair of IARCCUM*

The Revd Canon Dr James Hawkey, *Canon Theologian of Westminster Abbey; Bye Fellow of Clare College, Cambridge; Visiting Professor in Theology at King's College, London; member of the Faith and Order Advisory Commission, Church of England*

The Revd Canon Dr Jeremy Morris, *National Ecumenical Officer, Church of England; Affiliated Lecturer at the Faculty of Divinity, Cambridge University, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society*

The Most Revd Sir David Moxon, *Former Representative of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Holy See and the director of the Anglican Centre in Rome; Former Co-Chair of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC)*

The Very Revd Canon David Richardson, *Former representative of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Holy See and director of the Anglican Centre in Rome*

The Revd Canon Dr Nicholas Sagovsky, *Former Canon Theologian at Westminster Abbey; former member of ARCIC II and III*

CATHOLIC MEMBERS:

The Revd Anthony Curren, *Secretary to the Anglican and Methodist dialogues at the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Rome; co-Secretary of ARCIC; observer*

Professor Joris Geldhof, *Professor of liturgical studies and sacramental theology at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium; Chair of the Liturgical Institute Leuven; Editor-in-chief of the bilingual journal Questions Liturgiques/Studies in Liturgy; President of Societas Liturgica*

Dr Maryana Hnyp, *Coordinator of Inter-Religious Affairs, KU Leuven; Institutional Development Officer, Caritas Europe*

Professor Arnaud Join-Lambert, *Professor of Practical Theology and Liturgy at the Université Catholique de Louvain*

The Revd Professor Keith Pecklers, SJ, *Professor of Liturgy at the Pontifical Gregorian University (Rome), Professor of Liturgical History at the Pontifical Liturgical Institute of Sant'Anselmo (Rome); Founding president of the International Jungmann Society*

The Revd Professor Thomas Pott OSB, Chair of the Steering Group, *Monastery of Chevetogne (Belgium); Professor of Oriental Liturgy and Sacramentology at the Pontifical Atheneum Sant'Anselmo and at the Pontifical Oriental Institute (Rome); Consultor of the Sacred Congregation for the Eastern Churches and of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity*

The Revd Cyrille Vael OSB, *Monastery of Chevetogne (Belgium); Advisor of NNE (New Narrative for Europe) of the Department for Promotion and Protection of the Regional Cultural Heritage of Europe (European Commission)*

*GUESTS:*

The Revd Professor Dr Angela Berlis, *University of Bern*

Professor Tamara Grdzeldze, *Ilia State University, Tbilisi*

Professor Barbara Hallensleben, *University of Freiburg, Switzerland*

The Revd Professor Gordon Lathrop, *Professor Emeritus of Liturgy, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia*

Mme Olga Lossky, *Paris*

Professor Thomas O'Loughlin, *Professor Emeritus of Historical Theology, University of Nottingham, UK*

Companions :

The Most Reverend Donald Bolen, *Archbishop of Regina, Canada*

The Right Honourable The Earl of Halifax

The Right Revd Dr David Stancliffe

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Tobin, C.Ss.R, *Archbishop of Newark, USA*