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Archbishop Aspinall returning from US talks

The Primate of Australia, the Most Reverend Dr Phillip Aspinall, has responded positively to the official response from the House of Bishops after several days of talks in New Orleans.

The Primate and Archbishop of Brisbane is now returning home from New Orleans where he addressed the House of Bishops and took part in days of conversation and discernment.

“I believe that the House of Bishops has responded positively to all the requests put to them by the Primates in our Dar es Salaam communique. Certainly they have responded to the substance of those requests.

“I would now like the time to undertake careful analysis of the House of Bishops response but my initial reaction based both on my preliminary reading of the document itself and on my first hand conversations with many of the Bishops involved is that the House has responded positively to the substance of all the requests made by the Primates,” said Dr Aspinall.

The House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church has in turn called on the rest of the communion to acknowledge the requests made of it in Lambeth 1.10 and the Windsor report.

The Primate of Australia said these are issues that are important and need to be taken up. These include issues of listening to gay people in the life of the church and stopping outside intervention in the United States.

In thanking his hosts Dr Aspinall said he had been received warmly and graciously and the experience had been valuable and a further sign of the health of the Anglican Communion.

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