



RECONCILIATION INITIATIVES

Christians often feel embarrassed by conflict and seek to avoid it.

Our great diversity and the tensions over our differences can seem debilitating.

Yet God is always in the midst of conflict, prompting bridge-building and transformation because the life of God is shaped towards reconciling.

The question is how we might discern and contribute to God's reconciling work, both inside the Church and in the wider world.

WHAT IS RECONCILIATION INITIATIVES DOING?

Reconciliation Initiatives, in collaboration with Coventry Cathedral, seeks to equip Anglican Christians and their communities to handle disagreement more confidently and skilfully, and to be agents for reconciliation in wider society.

We are doing this through establishing an **Anglican Peacemaking Institute** on each continent, in partnership with local organisations, beginning in Europe and Africa, and then further afield.

Our vision is to make a strategic contribution to:

- changing the culture of how Anglican churches handle their disagreements;
- how the Church contributes to bridging divisions and strengthening relationships in divided societies.

In doing so we seek to bring hope to the world.

MESSAGES FROM OUR PATRON AND OUR CHAIR



'The Anglican Communion is no stranger to division whether it be internal or rooted in wider conflict within a geographical area. I am therefore delighted to be the patron of this new peacemaking initiative which will be a significant contribution to the Church participating more effectively in God's ministry of reconciliation and being a transforming presence within the world.'

Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester



'In the Church we speak much of peace and reconciliation. However, we have too little experience of facilitating them – as our many divisions reveal. Reconciliation Initiatives aims to provide vision, skills and strategic resource for the Anglican churches to better transform conflict, build peace and promote reconciliation, across the global community of the Anglican Communion, grounded in the local level.'

Rt Revd Peter Price, Chair of Trustees

SUPPORT FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY



'I long to see Christians fulfilling their calling to be ministers of reconciliation. I therefore welcome the emergence of Reconciliation Initiatives and its vision to contribute to the resourcing of Anglican leaders for this calling. Their programme will help Anglicans to better address internal church tensions and be creative agents for reconciliation – both of which are much needed in today's world.'

**Most Revd & Rt Hon Justin Welby
Archbishop of Canterbury**

MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDING DIRECTOR



'My hope is to see Anglican Christians holding a clear vision for peacemaking and bridge-building within the Church and in the world. Through the training and coaching provided by the Anglican Peacemaking Institutes, we aim to resource and equip this part of God's people to further develop and implement such a vision. This will contribute to strengthening right relationships and mutual respect within the global community.'

Revd Dr Alastair McKay
Executive Director, Reconciliation Initiatives

ABOUT ANGLICAN PEACEMAKING INSTITUTES

What are Anglican Peacemaking Institutes (APIs)?

APIs are intensive summer schools which will:

- Equip small groups of leaders with thinking and skills for understanding and engaging better with disagreement and conflict, within the Church and beyond;
- Resource these groups to develop an action plan for their diocese, tailored to their context.

What will these diocesan action plans do?

They will:

- Propose ways to engage more fruitfully with disagreement within Anglican churches;
- Advocate approaches for how the churches can be more effective agents for reconciliation in wider society.

Who will participate in APIs?

Participants will be chosen by their diocesan bishop. They will be diverse leaders who are:

- Ordained and lay women and men, from diverse theological and social traditions;
- Christians in mid-career, with potential for senior leadership.

WILL YOU HELP REALISE THIS VISION?

We need your support, both financial and in prayer, if we are to achieve this peacemaking vision. The initial budget for the first two years of operation is £300,000. The largest cost is the venues for the APIs, along with travel for participants. We will be looking for sponsoring bishops to make a contribution towards covering the costs of their nominees, but the majority of the budget will need to be covered by charitable donations.

One generous donor has already contributed £80,000 to get us off the ground. This covers most of our staffing costs for the first two years. Another donor has offered to donate up to £25,000 a year for each of the first four years as match funding to others' donations.

Thanks to the match funding, any gift you make can be doubled in value. That means your gift will make an even bigger difference.

We need support now, both financially and with prayer, to help Reconciliation Initiatives deliver our plan for Anglican Peacemaking Institutes.

If you would like to support our work, please fill in the form opposite, or use the link on our website to send your donation electronically. We welcome donations from individuals and grant-giving trusts.

If you are a UK taxpayer, you can Gift Aid your donation, giving us an extra 25% at no extra cost to you.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Visit our website www.reconciliation-initiatives.org

Contact our Executive Director at director@reconciliation-initiatives.org

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Please note that an anonymous donor will match donations up to a limit of £25,000 a year, in each of the four years from 2019 to 2023.

If you pay higher rate UK tax, you will be eligible to claim additional tax relief on donations, thus significantly reducing the net cost to yourself.

GIVING OPTIONS

A. Regular Prayer

Yes, I would like to pray regularly for Reconciliation Initiatives and to be updated with specific prayer requests.

B. Single Gift

Online: Click on the 'Support Peacemaking' tab at www.reconciliation-initiatives.org to donate via Virgin Money Giving using a debit or credit card. Please use electronic BACS transfer or cheque for large donations, e.g. over £1,000, as fees will not be deducted.

By Electronic Transfer: You can make an electronic BACS transfer from your bank to our account with the Cooperative Bank. Account: Reconciliation Initiatives. Sort code 08-92-99. Account 65843956.

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By Cheque

I enclose a gift of £ by cheque payable to 'Reconciliation Initiatives'.

C. Regular Gift

I would like to make a regular gift by Standing Order.
We will send you the form for you to complete and pass through to your bank.

D. Legacy

Please send me information on leaving a legacy.

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Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made today and in the future to Reconciliation Initiatives (RI) until I notify you otherwise. I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs will reclaim on my giving for each tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify and that RI will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2011.

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