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At the end of the First GAFCON Bishops Training Institute (BTI) Conference attended by 28 new and recently consecrated bishops from the Anglican Provinces of Nigeria, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, and South and Southern Sudan, held at Brackenhurst, Limuru, Kenya, from 29 September to 7 October 2016; Coordinated by the BTI Director, The Rt Rev Dr Samson Mwaluda and the Executive Assistant, Revd Paul Sampson; after prayers, presentations by resource persons and interaction with the bishops, the conference resolved:

1. It received with unfathomable gratitude, the charge and goodwill message of the Chairman of GAFCON Primates' Council and Metropolitan and Primate of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), The Most Revd Nicholas D. Okoh. It notes with interest his commitment to upholding sound doctrine, order and discipline in the Anglican Church, and also affirms its commitment to standing firm with GAFCON in advancing the mission and ministry of the Church. The conference further received with immense appreciation the welcome address by the Primate of the Anglican Church in Kenya, The Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit, and thanked him for honouring the conference with his presence.
2. It thanks God for the grace granted the conference participants to be called and consecrated to minister as bishops in the Anglican Church. It also thanks God for the gift of GAFCON as an inspired response to the unwholesome interpretation of the Bible and perversion of the doctrines, liturgy and identity of the Anglican Church by The Episcopal Church (TEC), the Anglican Church of Canada, and others, that have engendered impairment of the Anglican Communion. It particularly thanks God for GAFCON's commendable effort in defence of sound doctrines and the liturgy of the Anglican Church.
3. It urges the leadership of GAFCON to remain unequivocally committed to upholding and propagating the vision of GAFCON as articulated in the 2008 Jerusalem Declaration, and, also, pledges its unalloyed commitment to upholding the Jerusalem Declaration.
4. It commends with immense gratitude, the following quintessential resource persons that facilitated the conference discussions: The

Most Revd Stanley Ntagali, the Most Revd Eliud Wabukala (retired), The Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit, The Rt Revd Bill Atwood, The Rt Rev Dr Samson Mwaluda, The Rt Rev John Guernsey, The Rt Rev Gideon Githika, The Rt Rev Charles Muturi, Rt Rev Joseph Kanuku, Rev Paul Sampson, Revd Canon Dr Alfred Olwa, Revd Dr Dick Seed and Mr James Ntula. It commends the Director of the GAFCON BTI, Bishop Samson Mwaluda, and the Executive Assistant, Revd Paul Sampson, for their choice of the resource persons and topics for discussion.

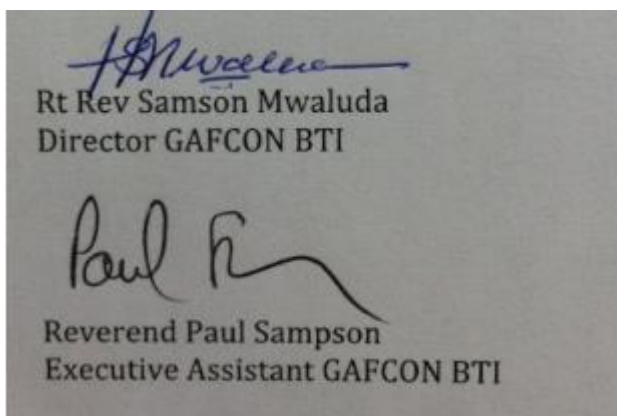
5. It notes with profound gratitude to God, the abundant economic resources created by God for the wellbeing of mankind. It, therefore, urges Anglican church leaders to explore effective ways of harnessing the economic potentials of the church and those of its members in order to contribute robustly to the economic wellbeing of the church and its members, thereby enabling the church to become self-sustaining and self-reliant.
6. It calls on all GAFCON Provinces to remain united in Jesus Christ, fervent in prayer and teaching, and proactive in dealing with issues challenging the Anglican Church presently, such as widespread poverty, liberalism, secularism and post-modernism. It enjoins all the faithful to guard against their threats and impacts (Eph 6:11-12, 1 Peter 5:8).
7. It urges GAFCON Theological Resource Group and GAFCON BTI to collaborate effectively in ensuring that bishops of the GAFCON Provinces are continually scripturally, theologically and doctrinally equipped to respond convincingly and decisively to the revisionist and secularist threats, in addition to ensuring that the Church embarks on effective evangelism and prophetic ministry.
8. It urges GAFCON to network effectively and relate actively with biblically minded Anglicans throughout the world, with a view to encouraging them to remain faithful and fruitful disciples of Jesus Christ in the battle against the perverters of the word of God (2 Cor 11:13, Eph 3:9, Phil 2:1-2).
9. It notes with profound gratitude to God, the foundation for godly leadership laid by Jesus Christ in the Scriptural principles and practices of servant and caring leadership. It, therefore, urges all

church leaders to follow the footsteps of Jesus Christ in managing the affairs of the church to the glory of God and the collective wellbeing of the people (Matthew 20:28, 23:21. Mark 10:45, Luke 22:26).

10. It urges all church leaders who openly or secretly receive monetary and/or other inducements from agents of The Episcopal Church (TEC), the Anglican Church of Canada, etc, to repent and seek God's forgiveness and restoration. It strongly enjoins them to be mindful of the fact that whatever does not glorify God must be rejected in its entirety (2 Cor 6:14, Eph 5:11, 6:8, 2 Tim 2:16).
11. It thanks God for the successful implementation of the first BTI Conference programme and, also, commends the BTI Director and Executive Assistant for a job well done. It urges the BTI management to avail itself of the lessons learnt from the BTI1 Conference and to commence forthwith, preparations for BTI2, including broadening the programme contents and, also, enlisting participating bishops from GAFCON Provinces that did not participate in the BTI1 conference. It further urges the GAFCON Primates Council to make adequate financial provision for the BTI to enable it to plan and implement its programme more than once a year, considering the need for the bishops of the GAFCON Provinces to be accorded the opportunity of coming together in fellowship and, thereby, being equipped for effective ministry and response to their common challenges.



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