Biographical Information on Press Conference Speakers

The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach was elected the Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America on June 22, 2014. He is also the Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the South, headquartered in a suburb of Atlanta, Georgia.

Archbishop Beach is a graduate of Georgia State University, the University of the South, and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He began his ministry by serving teenagers through Young Life.

Prior to serving as archbishop and bishop, he planted and led Holy Cross Anglican Church in Loganville, Georgia. Archbishop Beach can be heard on radio stations in the U.S. and around the world via his teaching ministry, A Word from the Lord, and his One-Minute Message, an evangelism outreach to the unchurched. He and his wife are life-long Georgians, and have two adult children.

The Rev. Canon Andy Lines served in the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment from 1979–1988. As a lieutenant he commanded a reconnaissance troop of armoured vehicles before changing to Chieftain and then Challenger tanks. As a captain he was for a time Electronic Warfare Officer and finally Operations Officer.

While serving in the Army, Andy was seconded to Operation Raleigh and led a team of 28 young people in bridge building, water improvement and medical work in remote jungle settlements in north-eastern Peru, helping Christian refugees from the civil war.

On leaving the Army, Andy studied at All Nations Christian College. After six months’ language learning in Spain, he went to Paraguay under the auspices of the South American Mission Society where he became the director of the Diocesan Bible Institute in Asunción (CALEB), co-ordinating and teaching Bible courses for the church’s lay and ordained leaders. He and his wife, Mandy, were also involved in teaching on biblical marriage principles. He taught the Bible at a bilingual Anglican school for pupils, staff and parents. He was ordained whilst pastoring the English-speaking congregation of St. Andrew’s, Asunción.
Andy took over as General Secretary of Crosslinks in October 2000 (now changed to Mission Director/CEO). He is married to Mandy and they have 3 children (Alex ’89, Zoe ’92 and Lizzie ’95), and enjoys military history, Spanish-speaking, cycling, rugby, second-hand bookshops, and amateur dramatics (Sir Toby Belch in 12th Night and Godspell chorus). They live in New Malden, Surrey and attend Emmanuel Church, Wimbledon.

Andy is the Chairman of the Anglican Mission in England and also Chairman of the GAFCON UK Task Force.

The Rev. David McCarthy coordinates the Scottish Anglican Network. He was ordained in 1988 and served as an assistant minister at St Paul’s & St George’s, Edinburgh, The Priory Church, South Queensferry and St Silas’, Glasgow before being called to be minister of St Thomas’, Edinburgh in 2014.

He has served on the board of directors of a charity working with homeless people and currently serves on the board of the Solas Centre for Public Christianity. He has been privileged to preach in many parts of the Anglican Communion, particularly in Africa and North America.

He is married to Ali, and is father to three adult children. His interests include rock music, cinema and watching the Scotland rugby union team.