

From David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D., 16th Surgeon General of the United States

Marta Weeks has generously provided resources to the Satcher Health Leadership Institute to support the continuing Indaba and Mutual Listening Project within the Anglican Communion. We have, in turn, provided this funding to the ABC and the Anglican Communion.

The funding from Rev. Weeks carried no preconditions, and the Satcher Health Leadership Institute has not placed any conditions upon the ABC or ACC. We will provide no direction or influence regarding the substantive subjects, direction or outcomes of this process. The Communion Office made it clear that the Anglican method for consensus will seek to draw upon Christian scripture, as understood through tradition and reason, and that a hoped-for result will be the strengthening of the Christian mission throughout the world. The Satcher Health Leadership Institute looks forward to following and assessing the process as a potential model for assisting other global religious communities in building agreements on difficult issues.

From Rev. Marta Weeks

I was pleased to provide the funding for the process of the continuing Indaba and Mutual Listening Project within the Anglican Communion. There are absolutely no strings attached to this funding. I trust the ABC and the Anglican Communion to use it however they feel will best contribute to dialogue and clarification of important issues within the Anglican Communion.

I have not been involved – directly or indirectly – in designing the Indaba Process, I am not participating personally in the process, and I will not exercise any influence over its outcomes. In fact, to shield the Indaba Process from any perception that I might seek to influence it in any way, I selected Dr. David Satcher and the Satcher Health Leadership Institute to manage this funding.

As a former Surgeon General of the United States, as a past president of Morehouse School of Medicine and as Director of the Satcher Health Leadership Institute, Dr. Satcher has earned a reputation for integrity and fairness. He has proven experience in bringing people of diverse viewpoints together to build on important issues of public health policy.