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The Most Reverend Drexel Wellington Gomez  
Primate of the Church in the Province of the West Indies  
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BAHAMAS

Your Grace,

I am writing to you as the Chair of the Anglican Communion Working Group of the Anglican Church of Canada. We have been charged with reviewing and offering a response to the various drafts of the Covenant for the Anglican Communion. We met recently for two days in Winnipeg Manitoba to review the St Andrews Draft (Draft 2). We found many of the changes in this draft to be helpful.

During our discussions, particularly when we were looking at paragraph 3.2.5 and the draft Appendix, a number of questions arose. Both the Communique and the Commentary make very clear the tentative and provisional nature of the appendix and so we wondered whether the CDG in its deliberations had considered any other possible procedures for dispute resolution and if so could they be made available for review. We ask this because the legalistic nature of the language in the appendix is very different from the collegial style found in the Covenant text itself and appears to us to run counter to the tone set by the Covenant. One of our dioceses has mooted the possibility of the formation of a Commission of Reconciliation as an alternative way of proceeding.

Thank you for undertaking this difficult task on behalf of us all.

Yours in Christ,

The Rt Rev George Bruce  
Bishop of Ontario

cc The Revd Canon Gregory Cameron