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Friends of Canterbury Cathedral in the United States

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LETTER FROM THE PILGRIMAGE CHAPLAIN AND TOUR ORGANIZER



Dear Friends,

Have you ever noticed that each person who writes and speaks of Canterbury Cathedral does so out of an almost indescribable passion for a certain place and time which is hard to capture in mere words? Year after year, from trustees to bishops to seminarians, people with a myriad of emphatic and distinct American views culminate in the same single – most unique – ideal that this community is where our relationships begin as modern English-speaking Christians.

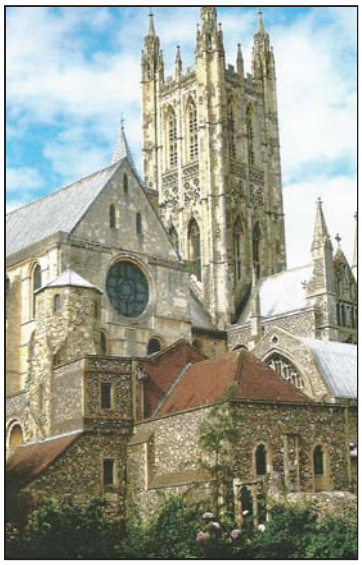
About five summers ago, life was changed for a group of teenagers from Nashville during their evening Candlelight Pilgrimage through the Cathedral. One young lady, much troubled about what she was reading and hearing in the contemporary press, asked the Dean for his opinion on Canterbury Cathedral as the Mother Church of the Anglican Communion and whether it could truly be a home community for all. Without missing a beat, Robert Willis regaled this small group with tales from the 2008 Lambeth Conference when peoples from distant cultures and with dissimilar languages conversed together in the name of Jesus. He ended our time with the thought, "Despite the conflicts and difficulties around the world in every generation, Canterbury will always be here as the mother – the home base where our relationships begin." Many of us can personally find this ideal relevant and visionary set amidst the tapestry of our modern world.

From this sacred place, we find a spiritual acceptance and holy unity with those who have ventured to pay homage throughout the centuries, with those who travel beside us in our own time, and with those who may yet come long after we have finished our earthly pilgrimage. How amazing that this cathedral that has welcomed so many over the centuries continues to hark this call today!

Since leading my first pilgrimage to Canterbury in March 2000, I have found that every pilgrimage is based on a three-fold reality of (1) personal relationships, (2) cultural experiences, and (3) spiritual encounters. Canterbury is the guiding force behind this thought. As we travel to Canterbury, we live into the truth that for centuries this special destination has welcomed, educated, and spiritually fed all who have come and will come. What an honor to know that as we walk through her main gates, we will be greeted with the bright smiles, the happy hearts and the exuberant voices of Dean Willis and the 600+ staff and volunteers. What a blessing to know that John Harper's dream of scholars gathering from around the globe has become a reality in The International Study Center.

Following in the tradition of those early seekers who asked the disciples "to see Jesus," we can find the Christ in each person we encounter in this, "our home," as we revive and renew our own inner spirit to show Him to those we meet even after we leave her walls. We are each emboldened to tell the story of Saint Augustine's worshipping and living community with its vibrant but calm heart-beat heard in the rhythm of prayer for the last fourteen-hundred years. Whether physically or spiritually traveling, each of us is a part of the journey to CANTERBURY. Indeed, I welcome you to experience the relationships encountered with God, one another, and the world through the exploration of this 'sacred home' called Canterbury Cathedral.

Faithfully,
Matthew Corkern



Join FOCCUS' Facebook

Friends of Canterbury Cathedral in the United States has a Facebook group. Facebook, the world's largest social networking site, allows users to share ideas, discussions and photos with people of similar interest.

The FOCCUS group is a great way to keep up with the latest news from Canterbury Cathedral. The creators search news sites to bring you news of interest concerning the Cathedral. In addition you can post your thoughts and share photos of your trips to Canterbury.

If you are not a member of Facebook, please consider joining and then become a member of the FOCCUS group. If you are already a member of Facebook, type Friends of Canterbury Cathedral into the site's search box.

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Don't Forget FOCCUS' Website

A comprehensive website for FOCCUS has been designed for us by the Web Developer at Canterbury Cathedral, and is updated on a regular basis with news and publications. In addition, the website has become an invaluable tool for spreading the word of our mission and information about upcoming events.
The website address is www.canterburyus.org

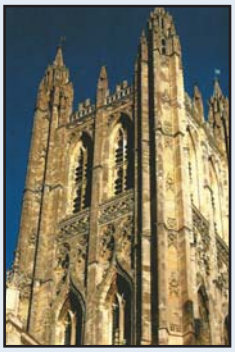
Pilgrimage Pathways:
A Personal Experience of Canterbury
October 13-22, 2012



The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral in the United States is pleased to once again offer the opportunity to participate in the life of the cathedral. Under the leadership of the Reverend Matthew Corkern, who has led eleven previous pilgrimages to Canterbury, this ten-day journey focuses on historical and religious aspects of Canterbury and her role at the center of the Anglican Communion.

The journey begins with three days in London where the pilgrims will come together as a community. With private tours at Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, Lambeth Palace, the National Portrait Gallery, and Parliament, they will discover the ethos of the English people culturally, socially and spiritually. Moving along Chaucer's famed path, they will visit the cathedrals of Southwark and Rochester as well as the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich, Leeds Castle and Harbledown Hospital to help illustrate this story. The pilgrimage is planned to give ample time to pray, learn about another fascinating culture with its religious underpinnings, and meet new friends in Faith.

Come experience ***CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL***…encounter this incredible sacred place of breathtaking beauty, simple solace and hearty hospitality. This journey provides a respite from the frantic pace of modern life…and a chance to joyously laugh with kindred souls!



The ALL~INCLUSIVE Land Price of the Pilgrimage includes…

- $500 donation to Canterbury Cathedral
- Guidance by the Pilgrimage Chaplain
- Motor-coach transportation throughout travel-seminar
- 3 nights accommodation in London overlooking Westminster Bridge & Parliament
- 2 nights accommodation near the center of Rochester on The Pilgrims' Way
- 3 nights accommodation at Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, in Canterbury Cathedral Close
- All dinners, lunches, and breakfasts provided as a group, or in cash at your leisure
- All gratuities for baggage-handling, guides and bus-driver
- All entrance fees to scheduled events and visits; as well as
- Donations to abbeys, churches and cathedrals.

Bottom-line, the total price [$3,900] covers everything excluding airfare and insurance costs! The group meets in London-Heathrow on the morning of Sunday, October 14, and returns on the morning of Monday, October 22. Matthew Corkern personally guarantees this spiritual-cultural sojourn, and looks forward to sharing this wonderful occasion for faith and fellowship.

Further details, please email rector@calvary-summit.org or call 908-277-1814.

LIVING AND FOLLOWING THE PILGRIMS' WAY TO CANTERBURY



For eight days in June last year a group led by Matthew Corkern participated in a pilgrimage: Living and Following the Pilgrims' Way to Canterbury. Our journey began at the lovely cathedral in Chichester with its Chagall window and Gormley sculpture. We were officially commissioned to travel The Pilgrims' Way at the Hospital of St. Cross. (By tradition, pilgrims still request a horn of beer/ale and a morsel of bread.) We then strolled the Water Meadows Walk following in the steps of ancient pilgrims along the river Itchen and then through St. Swithin's Priory Gate to Winchester Cathedral. Our next stop was Compton where we visited the Church of St. Nicholas, one of Britain's outstanding examples of an Anglo-Saxon church. In addition to its Knight Crusader graffiti, the parish retains the oldest liturgical wood screen in England.

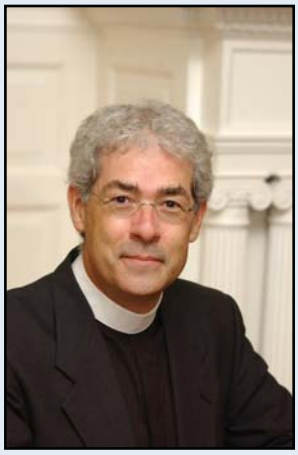
Then on to Chaldon where the local church has an 1120 AD mural of the seven deadly sins. After marveling at that ancient wall painting, we went to the tiny medieval Church of All Saints, Tuddeley. We were thrilled by one of the glories of twentieth-century art: 12 luminous windows designed by Marc Chagall. The very picturesque village of Chilham was our next overnight stop. As with every place we visited, we were met and entertained by gracious, interesting people, whether they were guides or companions at tea or dinner.

Our final trek took us from the Church of St. Dunstan to Canterbury. The highlight was walking through the West Gate down the busy High Street (as the earlier pilgrims would have done) but , in our case, in a drizzling rain. Just before we reached Christ Church Gate we were greeted by the Dean and Vice Dean of Canterbury Cathedral. Our four days there were very special – a candlelight tour of the Cathedral, Evensong each day, seeing the shrine of St. Thomas Beckett and meeting some of the extraordinarily hospitable staff of the Cathedral.

To quote our able leader, Matthew Corkern, "True pilgrimage never changes: it is to set out on a journey of outward and inner discovery; and to return changed and inspired by all that has been seen and experienced along the way." I believe each of us found that to be true.

Henri Humphreys and Barbie Harper

FOCCUS BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETINGS





The Trustees of the Friends of Canterbury Cathedral in the United States held its annual spring board meeting on the campus of General Theological Seminary (GTS) in New York City on May 10, 2011.

The main order of business was the election of two new board members, The Very Rev. Joseph H. Britton, President and Dean of the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University and The Rev. Katherine S. Bryant, serving as Assistant to the Rector for Adult Ministries at St. James' Episcopal Church, Leesburg, Virginia.

Joe went to Harvard University, graduating magna cum laude. He received his M.Div. with honors from General Theological Seminary and his Th.D. from Institut Catholique de Paris. He served parishes in New York City, Dedham, Massachusetts, and Berkeley, California. In addition, Joe worked at the Harvard/Radcliffe Episcopal Chaplaincy, and was the Canon Missioner of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe. One of the unique programs he has initiated at Berkeley has been taking senior students to the International Study Centre at Canterbury Cathedral as part of their spiritual formation.

Kate began her ministry in Leesburg, following graduation from Berkeley Divinity. In her senior year at seminary, Kate participated in a week long pilgrimage to Canterbury as a Canterbury Scholar along with 27 other priests and seminarians. She is also a Priest Associate of the Society of St. Margaret, an Episcopal religious community of women. She holds a B.A. degree from The Johns Hopkins University. Prior to ordained ministry, Kate had a successful business career for 20 years.

The fall board meeting was held on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, Washington, DC. The meeting was led by FOCCUS Chair, the Rt. Rev. Peter James Lee. The Very Rev. Robert A. Willis, Dean of Canterbury Cathedral, was also in attendance, along with seven trustees. Two trustees participated by conference call, and we also welcomed guest Andrew Edwards, newly appointed Chief Executive of the Canterbury Gift.

Along with reports from the Alumni, Communications, Development, Financial, and Nominating Committees, we also received updates from the Dean on life at Canterbury Cathedral as well as an overview on fundraising from Andrew Edwards. In addition, we discussed the October 2012 pilgrimage to be led by Trustee Matthew Corkern.

It was announced that Peter Lee would become Interim Dean at the American Cathedral in Paris, effective January 2012.

The spring Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Friday, April 27, 2012 at St. Thomas Church in New York City.

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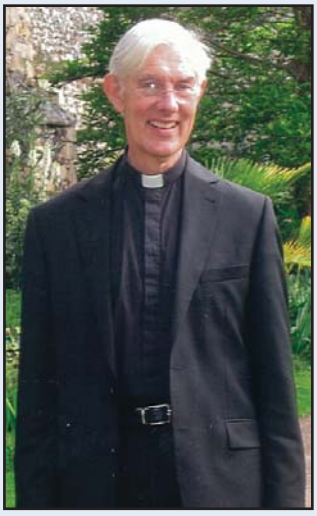
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Members of the FOCCUS Board of Trustees pictured left to right:

Joseph Britton, Robert Willis, Barbara Harper, Sam Van Culin, Peter Lee, Anne Ritchie, Henri Humphreys, Kate Bryant, Powell Hutton

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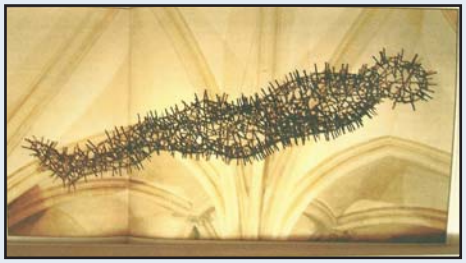
This newsletter gives me an opportunity to wish all members of FOCCUS a Happy New Year and to report that plans are well advanced for the Cathedral choir visit to the United States in April. A choir visit is not only a wonderful way for the music of Canterbury to be enjoyed in different parts of the world but is also a time when the members of the choir get to know each other in a special way and when the director has an opportunity to sing music of many different kinds. I know that it will be a morale boosting experience for both the choristers and the Lay Clerks.

My own year began in an interesting way with a visit to Chennai (Madras) in India to speak and preach at the celebration marking the 175th anniversary of the founding of Madras Christian College. It was a fascinating insight into the life not only of this highly respected university but also the life of the Church of South India and I have very vivid memories of the experiences which I enjoyed as a guest of the university. It was a special pleasure to be able to value the contribution of Bishop Heber, the hymn writer, whose college forms part of Madras Christian College and to share worship in the Bishop Heber Chapel. We remember Heber by singing his hymns 'Holy, Holy, Holy' and 'Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning' but this gave an insight into the very roots of this part of the Anglican Communion from the beginning of the 19th century.

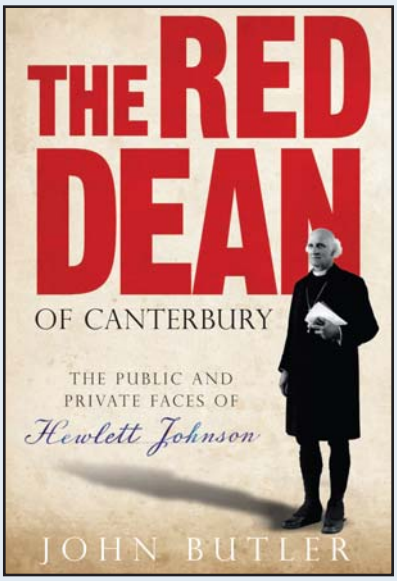
We in Canterbury look forward to many connections with the United States throughout this year and continue to be very grateful for all your support.

THE VERY REVEREND DR. ROBERT A. WILLIS, DEAN OF CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

"TRANSPORT": A NEW SCULPTURE AT CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL



A striking sculpture titled "Transport" has been suspended in the Eastern Crypt directly over the spot where Becket's body lay for the first fifty years following his murder. It is the work of Antony Gormley who is well known for his large human form sculptures shown in several English cathedrals. "Transport" is of particular interest because it is made of 210 nails taken from the roof of Canterbury Cathedral during its recent reroofing project. Gormley describes his thinking behind this work as follows, "The body is less a thing than a place. A location where things happen. Thought, feeling, memory, anticipation filter through it sometimes sticking but mostly passing on, like us, in this great cathedral with its centuries of building, adaption, extension and all the thoughts, feeling and prayers that people have had and transmitted here."



"THE RED DEAN" – HIGHLY RECOMMENDED READING

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, has selected "The Red Dean of Canterbury: The Public and Private Faces of Hewlett Johnson" by John Butler as his Book of the Year in the influential New Statesman magazine. He says, "This is a first class biography of Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury for several decades, champion of Stalin and thorn in the flesh of successive archbishops." Johnson was the controversial Dean of Canterbury from 1931 to 1964. To him the principles of communism were all but indistinguishable from Christian teaching. As a charismatic and gifted orator, he was either adored as a Christian visionary or hated as a mouthpiece of Soviet propaganda. "The Red Dean" may be purchased from Amazon or Barnes & Noble or on-line from the Canterbury Cathedral Gift Shop . All royalties from its sale have been generously gifted by its author to Canterbury Cathedral for its restoration and development.

CANTERBURY'S BISHOPS COURSE – BUILDING INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND DIALOGUE

By the Rt. Rev Andrew Waldo, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina



In early February 2011, I gathered with 30 other bishops from across the Anglican Communion for a week of relationship building, reflecting on the role and authority of bishops, on things we hold in common and in acknowledgment of the tensions among us. We came from Australia, New Zealand, Congo, Ghana, South Africa, Nigeria, Tanzania, Southern Sudan, North India, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Canada, Mexico, Ireland and the U.S. I am, it seems, only the third U.S. bishop to have attended, and the first since 2006.

We worshiped together at Matins, Eucharist and choral Evensong each day. Each day's sessions began with Bible study led by Evie Vernon, a wonderful Jamaican woman with a most joyful and playful way of provoking deep thought and conversation. She also invited us to offer a song from our native countries to begin or end a session. There was much clapping and some dancing. As for me, I never figured out how to teach the songs I know by heart, mostly 16th century madrigals and motets! Nor did I dare try.



Halfway through the course, we met with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams. The conversation touched on the extent and limits of his authority in the Anglican Communion, the joys and sadnesses that live side by side in the Communion, and a poignant and hopeful request from the three Sudanese bishops that he come and give their church a blessing. We all need to send our blessings their way.

Many of our most important conversations about unity, polity, faith, fellowship and family took place around meals, in small groups, and on walks through town. There were many opportunities to listen and understand, and little pressure to debate or declare. The relationships we were forming in Christ came first and will, I pray, become part of a Communion fabric that resists the tearing and pulling that has been with us for too many years.

Many are eager to be engaged with one another about Christian community. Some are justifiably skeptical, even cynical, about calls to dialogue in an age during which the word "dialogue" has often, though not always, been used in ways that have not honored its own intent. Taking time to know my brother and sister bishops in Canterbury seemed a necessary prelude to the dialogue that faces us in the Anglican Communion, for it can never be too late to attend to our Lord's prayer that his disciples might be one. Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

I did not know what to expect from my week in Canterbury. Yet as is true for so many pilgrimages, I found many of the most significant insights came not on the journey to the holy place, nor in the presence of the holy place, but on the return home. I do know that if we enter new relationships with undefended hearts, we may find, as we wend our ways home, that we are friends in a new and deeper way. Perhaps then, we can begin to address the harder issues in a new spirit.

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM CANON EDWARD CONDRY, DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOLARS' PROGRAM AT CANTERBURY, FOR A RECENT GIFT FROM FOCCUS

I cannot emphasize enough how important these donations are to the continuation of our courses. With the Bishops who are here now we have welcomed well over 200 of the 800 or so bishops in the communion. We are now starting to see participants in our earlier seminarians' and priests' courses coming through as Bishops which is very encouraging. Without the help of FOCCUS this significant contribution to the life of the Communion would not be possible.

CANTERBURY TALE



Melissa Bruckart is currently the Associate Vicar for Administration and Development at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Erie, Pennsylvania.

In June of 2010, I was given the opportunity to become a Canterbury Scholar. Over two weeks, I had the gift of spending time with seminarians and clergy from all over the Anglican Communion. We were granted a warm welcome from the staff of the Canterbury Lodge, our wonderful home away from home for two weeks.

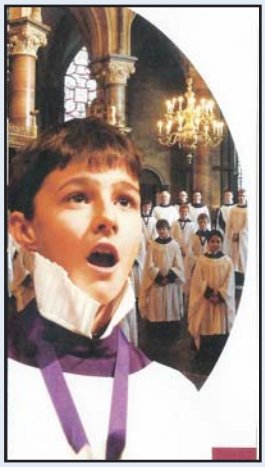
Our lives together were rooted in daily worship at the cathedral with Matins and Holy Communion in the morning and Evensong in the afternoon. Through the worship of Jesus Christ, we recognized that we are called to a common vision and mission, regardless of language spoken, theological beliefs held, or countries of origin.

In addition to worship, we participated in daily Bible studies and small group discussions taught by The Rev. Dr. Kathy Grieb, professor at Virginia Theological Seminary, and The Rt. Rev. Josiah Fearon, Bishop of Kaduna State, Nigeria. Our Bible Study began with the creation narratives in Genesis. While we had read Genesis before, these two weeks gave us a chance to dive deeper into Holy Scripture and learn new things about God's revelation to us. Through the framework of Scripture, we were able to then discuss our own ministries and individual contexts across the world.

One day, we took a break from our routine, and went to London. We visited the Anglican Communion Office and Lambeth Palace. We learned about the structure of the Anglican Communion and the instruments of communion. After the Anglican Communion office, we were privileged to spend time with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams. In both of these instances, we were able to ask anything we wanted. It was an amazing experience to be in the presence of the Archbishop of Canterbury. He was humble, honest, and Spirit filled, and an all around a wonderful leader to look up to.

But this program is more than just gathering travel stories to tell our friends and relatives back home. And while it was filled with unique, once in a lifetime experiences, this program is about putting a face to the Anglican Communion. This program is about relationships across borders. This program is about discovering each other's ministry contexts around the world. It's about listening to one another's struggles and joys. This is what being in the Anglican Communion means. I was blessed to be able to participate and am blessed that I have ministry colleagues all over the world now.

VOICES OF CANTERBURY: ORGANIST AND MASTER OF THE CHORISTERS DAVID FLOOD



We are thrilled that the Canterbury Choir is returning stateside this coming April for a Texas and West Coast Concert Tour. After launching in Houston and Dallas, the tour continues in California with concerts in San Diego, Hollywood, Palm Desert and San Francisco. Concluding concerts will take place in Portland, Oregon and Seattle, Washington. Those lucky enough to attend any of these programs will come away musically inspired and spiritually uplifted. In an e-mail interview, David Flood told of his long involvement with and commitment to music at Canterbury Cathedral:

"In my current post it has been 23 years since I became Organist and Master of the Choristers in September 1988. I was, however, Assistant Organist here from 1978-86 so if you count that as well it is a long time. I still hugely enjoy it and I am as eager as ever to keep us on the top of our form."

Asked what he enjoys most about serving with the Choir, David replied:

"I enjoy the thrill of a daily performance: creating great music in a fabulous place with a team who are all my friends, young and older. I enjoy the daily rehearsals and particularly having a chance to help young choristers achieve things they never thought they could and then be so thrilled with themselves."

Next David tackled an admittedly challenging question: "How has religious music changed you?" His response was deeply true to his experience:

"I have been doing this for so long that it is difficult to say. It is hard to think of a time when I wasn't involved in church music, since I took my first parish post when I was 15 years old. I suppose it shows me that the spoken word is not enough on its own to express certain things and the emotion which can be generated by great music sung beautifully is one of those things which is nearly impossible to describe. I enjoy seeing the effect on members of our congregation who come from all corners of the world and who may not speak English. They leave us after a memorable experience, even the young student groups who don't expect to be impressed!"

Clearly it is no accident that David Flood evokes cascades of musical eloquence from his choristers. He obviously cares for them, deeply committed to not only their musical but their spiritual development. We give thanks for David and his ministry in music at Canterbury Cathedral.

Anne Gavin Ritchie

Canterbury Cathedral Choir
Texas & West Coast Concert Tour

APRIL 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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15 *TO LA* *SIGHTSEEING* *HOLLYWOOD, ETC.* *121 miles* *LA CONCERT AT ST. JAMES CHURCH*	16 *LA sightseeing* *To Palm Desert* *123 miles* *CONCERT AT ST. MARGARET'S , PALM D.*	17 *Drive to San Francisco* *500 miles*	18 *Sightseeing San Francisco* *CONCERT AT GRACE CATHEDRAL*	19 *COACH TO PORTLAND, OREGON* *600 miles*	20 *SIGHTSEEING* *CONCERT THROUGH OREGON CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CHOIR AT TRINITY CATHEDRAL*	21 *COACH to SEATTLE* *173 miles* *Lodging: Tacoma Y.C.* *SEATTLE ST. MARK'S CATHEDRAL CONCERT*
22 *FLY TO LONDON*	23 *ARRIVE LONDON EARLY*					

CANTERBURY AND YORK AT ODDS

As part of William the Conqueror's consolidation of power in Britain, in 1070 he appointed Lanfranc, a master theologian and abbot in France, to be Archbishop of Canterbury. While William extended his secular control, so Lanfranc did in the religious sphere, where his energetic programs of reform led to an immediate dispute with the Archbishop of York, who previously had reported directly to the Pope in Rome.



The Accord of Winchester

William subsequently asked Lanfranc to consecrate a new Archbishop of York, and as a condition Lanfranc insisted that the new Archbishop swear fealty to Lanfranc as primate. The issue was driven both by personalities and by politics. The Archbishop of York, Thomas of Bayeaux, had previously been a student of one of Lanfranc's rivals. Moreover, rivalries between the cathedral chapters fed the dispute, Canterbury's being monastic, while York's was more secular, using canons as clergy.

The first attempt at resolution came with The Winchester Accord, signed in 1072 by William and his wife, Matilda, (the two large crosses at the top left on the final page of the document), as well as by Lanfranc, Thomas, the papal legate and other witnesses. This document enshrined Canterbury's primacy over York, but papal confirmation did not extend to Lanfranc's successors. Lanfranc died in 1089, and some claim his actions permanently inflamed relations between the two sees.

They remained bitter a few years later at the investiture of Anselm to be Archbishop of Canterbury in 1093 over whether he was to be the "Primate of all Britain." Once again, the Pope glossed over the problem by granting Anselm the title, but only for him, not his successors, and did not address the relationship to York at all. The relationship simmered over prestige as much as politics, and in 1102, at a church council at Westminster, Anselm had his chair set higher than the others. When the Archbishop of York, Gerard at the time, saw this, he kicked over the chairs and refused to take his seat until his chair was put at the same height as Anselm's.

Relations came to a boil again in 1118, when Thurston, the new Archbishop-elect of York, refused to make submission to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the latter refused in turn to consecrate him. Thurston then turned to the Pope who did so, and who ultimately gave Thurston an edict releasing him and his successors from Canterbury's supremacy.

Nevertheless, the dispute continued through the next two centuries in both substance and symbolism, with York refusing to swear obedience to Canterbury at each turn, with the king always eyeing political balance and often deferring to the Pope, and the Pope generally finding it useful to have two archbishops reporting to him rather than one stronger and more independent one on a distant island. Then, in 1352, Pope Innocent VI, during the reign of King Henry II, decreed that Canterbury should take precedence over York, that the former would be "Primate of all England" and the latter merely "Primate of England," that each could carry their metropolitan crosses in each other's sees, and if they were together, their crosses would proceed abreast.

The preeminence of Canterbury was finally codified by Act of Parliamentin 1539, during the reign of King Henry VIII, a tradition that has remained in effect ever since. It only took five hundred years to find resolution.

C. Powell Hutton

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