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Anglicans meet in Roman Catholic conference centre to discuss sodomite issue



Bishop Griswold - the ordainer of a sodomite who was honoured by the Church of Ireland

Doubtless, it was in order to provide an appropriate setting and to make everyone feel at home, that a Roman Catholic Society of African Missions Conference centre near Newry in Northern Ireland was hired to house the leaders of world Anglicanism!

The issue that lies at the heart of their conference is the split over the ordination of sodomites. The meeting of the 38 provincial Primates of the Anglican Communion is termed a "retreat" and it is led by Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams. It will study the Windsor Report - the recommendations of the Lambeth Commission on Communion, chaired by Archbishop of Armagh, Dr. Robin Eames, published in October 2004.

The meeting will be hosted by Archbishop Eames. They will discuss the issue of sodomy in the church and the appointment of an openly sodomite bishop in the United States. The Commission on Communion was set up by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr

Rowan Williams, to examine and report on problems over homosexual relationships in both the US and Canada.

It followed the Episcopal Church in the US's appointment of Gene Robinson, who is in a committed same sex relationship, as one of its bishops, and the Diocese of New Westminster in Canada's authorisation of services for same-sex marriages. The man who ordained Gene Robinson, Bishop Griswold, was welcomed at St Anne's cathedral, Belfast, where he was the guest preacher on Lord's Day morning, 20th February.

In the UK, a debate over sodomy followed the nomination of Dr Jeffrey John, a sodomite cleric, as Bishop of Reading. The decision sparked controversy and led to Dr John withdrawing his acceptance of the post and becoming the Dean of St Albans instead.