

Anglican Communion proposal

Sir, It has long been acknowledged that the Archbishop of Canterbury's critical role as first among equals of the bishops of the worldwide Anglican Communion, when set against his responsibilities in relation to the Diocese of Canterbury, means in future appointments the Anglican Communion should have a greater voice (["Anglican plan may boost traditionalists"](#), Jan 18).

The proposals set out in the consultation document on this begin to strike this balance. Five members from around the Anglican Communion could not, mathematically, block the decision of everyone else, even if they did all vote the same way. But this misses the point. Since the Archbishop of Canterbury does have such a role within the worldwide Anglican Communion, it is right and proper that the Anglican Communion has a say in who it should be.

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