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Commitments for the Lambeth Conference

(The following commitments grow out of intentional conversations held at the March 2008 meeting of the House of Bishops at Camp Allen, Texas. They represent a distillation of those conversations and have been compiled by The House of Bishops Committee on Pastoral Development.)

As we gather with others at this year's Lambeth Conference, we the Bishops of The Episcopal Church pledge that we will live prayerfully into the fullness of Christian community as we gather with our colleagues and friends from around the world. With the grace of God, we commit ourselves:

- To arrive at The Lambeth Conference physically and spiritually refreshed
- To participate fully in our common life of prayer and worship
- To create space for all voices to be heard
- To listen attentively, seeking to understand the other
- To learn from others
- To exercise our voice honestly and clearly in a spirit of gentleness and humility
- To speak and act respectfully at all times, both publicly and privately
- To seek out intentionally those whom we do not know
- To support and encourage one another prayerfully
- To extend hospitality
- To live out of a posture of humility
- To engage deeply, listening for the voice of God

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