

## **The Fallible Church: Lambeth Essays**      DLT 2008

1786: CofE refused to consecrate a bishop to Revolutionary America.  
“We cannot but be extremely cautious, lest we should be instruments of establishing an ecclesiastical system which will be called a branch of the CofE but afterwards may possibly appear to have departed from it essentially, either in doctrine or discipline.” Samuel Seabury Scotland 1784

Europe changing so:    Vatican 1 – 1870

Lambeth 1:

1 authority

**1867:** Bp Longley – Lambeth as an invitation to confer. Nothing more.

2. episcopal scandal

    Colenso no invitation (critique of scripture & open to Afr culture)

3 Signs of the times

*Essays & Reviews* punishment of wicked not everlasting.

4. need to ensure unity

    AB York absent!

### **Present Communion**

44 member churches in communion with See of Canterbury

Bonds of Affection

JJ: Communion like – a plate of spaghetti, not hubs and wheels.

Acts 15 – in communion through Grace!

We cannot remove others from being in communion with Christ.

### **Resisting Systems of Authority.**

A fudge? – pointing beyond selves to God?

In the deadlock, the moment of *koinonia*. Creativity in conflict not consensus.

A family, more trusting and more costly.

Cappadocians used ‘communion’ within Trinity and of our knowledge of God within the community.

### **Sudan:**

Hymns Ancient and Modern.

Sudan growth during Civil War. Baptismal evangel, Exodus and Exile.

Anti-Muslim have allowed ordination of women. On homosexuality moved to next business.

### **Nigerians**

do not want to be seen as a front for Western imperialism by accepting western notions of sexuality. (homosexuality outlawed)

**USA gay Rights are Civil Rights.** (because of 1960s history) Does not want to be seen as enslaver (as it was!)