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Dear Members of the Anglican Communion,

You will be aware that the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, is stepping down as Archbishop at the end of the year. Already the process for the appointment of a successor has begun.

The Archbishop of Canterbury exercises many roles: he is Bishop of the Diocese of Canterbury, Primate of the Church of England, and Focus of Unity for the Anglican Communion.

The process of seeking the next Archbishop is led by the Crown Nominations Commission of the Church of England and extensive consultations within the UK have begun with various representatives of the Church of England, other Christian denominations, other faiths and wider church life. Members of the Church of England have also been invited to participate in this process.

The Commission wishes to offer the same opportunity to other members of the Anglican Communion. It is seeking your views on the priorities for the ministry of the next Archbishop in order that the members of the Commission have as rich a picture as possible as they carry out their work.

You may send your views to The Crown Nominations Commission via the Anglican Communion website, [www.anglicancommunion.org](http://www.anglicancommunion.org), or by post to the Crown Nominations Commission, c/o The Anglican Communion Office, St Andrew's House, 16 Tavistock Crescent, London W11 1AP, UK.

Please do pray for all involved in this process: for the members of the Crown Nominations Commission in their work, for the candidates, and also for Archbishop Rowan and his family at this time of transition.

Yours very sincerely,



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Secretary General of the Anglican Communion