



The Traditional Anglican Communion Secretary to the College of Bishops

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Most Honourable Minister

Concerning the Anglican Church of India – Archbishop Samuel Peter Prakash

I greet you most warmly on behalf of the College of Bishops of the worldwide Traditional Anglican Communion, and wish you peace and blessedness in your work on behalf of the people of your country. I am aware that a position such as yours has many demands and challenges, and so I am grateful for your taking the time to read this letter.

I wish to confirm to you that the Anglican Church of India is an autonomous body whose Metropolitan is The Most Reverend Samuel Peter Prakash, a respected and esteemed member of the College of Bishops since its inception in 1984. Currently, Archbishop Samuel Peter Prakash is Acting-Primate of the entire worldwide body of the Traditional Anglican Communion, having been elected unanimously to that position in March of 2012 by the assembled College of Bishops in Johannesburg, South Africa. I enclose a copy of the Press release from that meeting for your attention.

The Traditional Anglican Communion is a worldwide affiliation of Anglican Churches, governed by our founding document, The Concordat of the Traditional Anglican Communion, which is attached. Currently, there are 27 Bishops in the Traditional Anglican Communion, from some 20 countries. We are currently admitting member churches from a further four countries. It is a truly global Communion.

In the Concordat are enumerated all the member churches, including **The Anglican Church of India (legitimate successor to the Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon) – Paragraph 2.1**. The other churches of the Traditional Anglican Communion are also mentioned in the same paragraph. Each member church has its own Constitution, Canons and Rules, and the Anglican Church of India is able to produce its documents, should you require them.

The Metropolitan for the Anglican Church of India, Archbishop Samuel Peter Prakash, currently resides at St Peter's House, Vikasnagar Dehradun UK PIN Code 248198.

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Archbishop Samuel Peter Prakash can also be contacted by email on primatetac@gmail.com

Most Honourable Minister, for some years the Anglican Church of India CIPBC has been plagued by matters concerning one "John Augustine", purportedly a Bishop of the Church of India (Anglican). Letters have been sent on numerous occasions concerning this person and his attempts to profit from properties belonging to the Anglican Church of India CIPBC under the leadership of Archbishop Samuel Peter Prakash. It is understood that he has gone so far as to forge letters using Archbishop Prakash's signature! We wish to categorically state that John Augustine has nothing whatsoever to do with the Anglican Church of India CIPBC, and that his is a self-made entity, not able to be seen in any way as a 'successor' to the Anglican Church of India CIPBC.

I trust that I have been able to establish the *bona fides* of Archbishop Samuel Peter Prakash to your satisfaction. He is a highly respected international figure and carries great affection within our Communion.

As Secretary to the College of Bishops of the Traditional Anglican Communion, I make myself available for any questions or queries you may have with regards to our Communion. My email and telephonic details are above.

Yours most sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Gill". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a horizontal line.

Bishop Michael Harvey Gill
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