

TIMETABLE FOR THE “MRI at 60” CONFERENCE
12-13 April 2024, St Paul’s, Bloor Street, 227 Bloor Street E, Toronto, Canada

Opening Plenary – Friday 12 April, 9-10.30 am

Territorial acknowledgement: The Rev’d Dan Graves, Canadian Church History Society (CCHS) Executive

Welcome by Bishop Terry Brown, President, CCHS

Welcome by Bishop Bill Franklin, Historical Society of the Episcopal Church (co-sponsor)

Welcome by Bishop Jenny Andison, Rector, St. Paul’s Bloor Street

Keynote address: Dr. Mark Chapman: “A Tale of Two Anglican Congresses: London 1908 and Toronto 1963”.

Introduced by Bishop Terry Brown

Session 1 – Friday 12 April, 11 am – 12.30 pm

THE CONGRESS

Panel chair: Dr. Bill Acres (CCHS Executive)

Paper 1: *Max Warren at Toronto 1963*, by the Rev’d Gerry Lynch, D.Phil. student in Theology, St. Stephen’s House, University of Oxford.

Paper 2: *Transfiguring presence: an Anglican contribution to interreligious dialogue and the life of the Church* by Dr. Clare Amos, Director of Lay Discipleship, Diocese in Europe.

Paper 3: *Decolonization and mission: the sublimation of discourse*, by the Rev’d Dr. Alan L. Hayes, Wycliffe College, Toronto.

LUNCH

Short Plenary – Friday 12 April, 1.30 pm – 1.40 pm

Greetings: Bishop Jo Bailey Wells, Deputy Secretary General of the Anglican Communion

Session 2 – Friday 12 April, 1.40 pm – 3.10 pm

MRI’S RECEPTION IN CANADA AND AUSTRALIA

Panel chair: The Rev’d Dr. Norman Knowles (CCHS Committee)

Paper 4: *MRI in Australia. ‘Miracle’ or ‘More Ruddy Interference’?* by the Rev’d Canon Paul Mitchell, St Francis’ College (University of Divinity), Australia.

Paper 5: *The 1963 Anglican Congress and the Canadian Church’s Self-identity*, by the Rev’d Dr. David L. Danner, Divinity Faculty, Trinity College, Toronto.

Paper 6: *“Cutting edges” in competition: The Diocese of Niagara, the Toronto Congress and “Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence” (MRI)*, by the Rt. Rev’d Dr. Terry Brown, Christ’s Church Cathedral, Hamilton, Ontario.

Session 3 – Friday 12 April, 3.30 – 5 pm

MRI’S RECEPTION IN NEWLY AUTONOMOUS CHURCHES

Panel chair: The Rev’d Dr. Alan Hayes (CCHS Executive)

Paper 7: *Worshipping God in an African Way: Liturgical Renewal in the Anglican Church of Kenya*, by the Rt. Rev’d Dr. Joseph Wandera, Bishop of the Diocese of Mumias, Kenya, formerly Senior Lecturer at St Paul’s University, Limuru, Kenya.

Paper 8: *Beyond the Usual Categories of the “Haves” and the “Have Nots”: Examining the Participation of the then Philippine Episcopal Church (PEC) in the implementation of the principles of Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence (MRI)*, by the Rev’d Dr. Ben Ngaya-an, Church History Professor, St. Andrew’s Theological Seminary, Manila.

Paper 9: *Worshipping the false deity? A priest (Pakistani – Canadian) reflects on Mutual Respect and Interdependence*, by the Rev’d Edmund Laldin, Incumbent of St. Saviour Anglican Church, Winnipeg.

Associated Event – Friday 12 April, 7.30-9 pm at St. James Cathedral, 106 King St E, Toronto

Free Public Lecture by Dr. Mark Chapman: *“‘On Consulting the Faithful’: an Anglican understanding of the laity”*.

Second Day Plenary – Saturday 13 April, 9-9.10 am

Greetings from Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada

Session 4 – Saturday 13 April, 9.10 am – 10.10 am

PREPARATORY AND ECUMENISM

Panel chair: The Rev’d Gerry Lynch (MRI at 60 organizing committee)

Paper 10: *Mutual Responsibility: The “Huron cluster”*, by Dr. William Acres, Professor of History, Huron University College.

Paper 11: *The Ecumenical Reception of MRI in the 1960s: Mission, Church Unity, and Church-to-Church Relations*, by the Rev’d Dr. Jesse Zink, Principal, Montreal Diocesan Theological College.

Presentation – Saturday 13 April, 10.10 am – 10.30 am

“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels” -- and on video tape [2 Cor 4:7], by Karen Evans, former General Synod Church House librarian on contract with Anglican Video

A brief history of the progress and potential uses of the Digitization Project for videotapes of all General Synod meetings taped from 1989 to 2023—so far completed as far as 2007. This allows for text search of often emotionally powerful video archives.

Session 5 – Saturday 13 April, 11 am – 12.30 pm

MRI AND MISSIOLOGY

Panel chair: to be confirmed

Paper 12: *Theological and Missiological Implications of ‘MRI’ for Christian Education in the Digital Age; A Perspective from the Episcopal Church in Connecticut*, by Greg Farr, Archivist and Records Manager, Episcopal Church in Connecticut [TEC].

Paper 13: *“Ten Principles of Partnership in the Anglican Communion” as a Practical Critique of Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence in Diocesan Companionship*, by the Rev’d Dr. Leon Spencer, Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, and Canon Professor James Amanze, Diocese of Botswana.

Paper 14: *“Obedience in mission”: a reflection on the development of the Five Marks of Mission in the light of Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence*, by the Rev’d Dr. Stephen Spencer, Adviser on Theological Education and Lambeth Conference Implementation, Anglican Communion Office.

Session 6 – Saturday 13 April, 1.30 – 3 pm

INTERDEPENDENCE AND COLONIALISM

Panel chair: Bishop Bill Franklin (MRI at 60 organizing committee)

Paper 15: *Interdependence as an Ecclesial Calling and Challenge*, by the Rev’d Dr. Christopher Craig Brittain, Dean of Divinity, Trinity College in the University of Toronto

Paper 16: *“It is all a case of priorities” - The Evolving Shape of Development and Relief Work*, by Suzanne Rumsey, PWRDF’s Public Engagement Coordinator (The Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund).

Paper 17: *An examination of the decolonial character of Anglicanism in light of the MRI agenda*, by the Rev’d Rakgadi Khobo, Chaplain to St Mary’s School, Waverley, Johannesburg.

Session 7 – Saturday 13 April, 3.30 am – 5 pm

MRI AND ANGLICAN IDENTITY

Panel chair: The Rev’d Dan Graves (CCHS Executive)

Paper 18. *Making sense of the Global South in the light of the Toronto Anglican Congress of 1963*, by The Rt. Rev’d James Tengtenga, former Bishop of Malawi, now at the University of the South, Sewanee.

Paper 19: *The Death of Death: A Linguistic Devolution in Anglican Self-Description*, by Matthew S.C. Olver, Ph.D., Executive Director and Publisher, The Living Church Foundation.

Paper 20: *Instruments and Instrumentality in Koinonia: Competing Anglican Identities and the Future of Unity*, by the Rev'd Dr Charlie Bell, John Marks Official Fellow, Director of Studies, College Assistant Professor in Medicine and Praelector, Girton College, Cambridge.

Associated Event – Sunday 14 April, 11 am at St. James Cathedral, 106 King St E, Toronto

Thanksgiving Service, with The Most Rev'd Linda Nicholls presiding, the Rt. Rev'd Jo Bailey Wells preaching.

PAPER TO BE SUBMITTED BUT NOT PRESENTED

Paper 21: *On the Acceptance of the MRI Concept in the Anglican Church in Japan (NSKK)*, by the Rt. Revd. Dr Renta Nishihara, President of Rikkyo University and Bishop of the Diocese of Chubu (mid-Japan).