



News Release

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Church Society rejects Archbishop designate.

In a candid exchange with three council members of Church Society, the senior Anglican evangelical body, Rowan Williams clarified his opinion on a number of issues.

On the fundamental issue of the truth and authority of the Bible he showed that his understanding is one which evangelical Christians cannot accept.

The Archbishop designate was clear that homosexual activity is not always wrong, based on a perverse interpretation of chapter 1 of Paul's letter to the Romans. He further said that although he recognised that his appointment risked dividing the Anglican Communion, he could not but accept the office.

At the conclusion of the meeting the representatives of Church Society urged him not to take up the post, and made it clear that if he did his unscriptural views would compel conservative evangelicals to repudiate his oversight as Archbishop.

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