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**COALITION “DISAPPOINTED” BY BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR ANGLICAN COVENANT DEBATE**

LONDON – The No Anglican Covenant Coalition has released a statement regarding background material prepared and distributed in the Diocese of Oxford in preparation for the coming debate on the ratification of the proposed Anglican Covenant. Canon John Rees’s paper, *Introduction to the Anglican Covenant Debate* ([www.oxford.anglican.org](http://www.oxford.anglican.org)), is described as “shallow and superficial” and criticized for minimizing the significance of the coming debate. “The Covenant is presented as minor tinkering with Anglican Communion governance, yet somehow still vital to the Communion’s survival.”

“That is the essential contradiction of the pro-Covenant argument we are hearing from within the Church of England,” according to the Coalition’s Episcopal Church Convenor, Dr. Lionel Deimel. “On one hand, people claim that the Covenant will have no real effect. On the other, they are told that the Covenant is the only thing preventing the complete collapse of the Communion. These things cannot both be true.”

The complete text of the Coalition’s statement is available online at the coalition’s website ([www.noanglican covenant.org](http://www.noanglican covenant.org)).

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The No Anglican Covenant Coalition is an international group of Anglicans who oppose the adoption of the proposed Anglican Covenant.

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