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AA2021 GOES GLOBAL!

Introducing some of the speakers

This year Anglicans Ablaze goes global with people and speakers from various countries in the Anglican Communion. Attendees will join from countries like Brazil, US, UK, Malaysia, Zambia, Canada, Argentina, Kenya, Malawi, DR Congo, Italy and many more! The AA Update is a vehicle to introduce the speakers of the conference.

ARCHBISHOP JUSTIN WELBY



The Most Revd Justin Welby is the 105th Archbishop of Canterbury and the most senior bishop in the Church of England and head of the Anglican Communion.

He has served in that role since 2013. He was ordained in 1992 after an 11-year career in the oil industry.

In 2002 he was made a Canon of Coventry Cathedral, where he jointly led its international reconciliation work - working extensively in Africa and the Middle East.

Archbishop Justin has three personal priorities which are central to everything he does:

1. **Renewal of prayer** and religious life throughout the church.
2. **Seeking reconciliation** within the church, and supporting the Church in its role as a peacemaker.
3. **Encouraging every Christian to share their faith** and see themselves as a witness to Jesus Christ.

He is married to Caroline, and they have five children and four grandchildren.



CANON J. JOHN

Revd Canon J. John, Founder of Philo Trust, has been an evangelist for four decades. He has spoken in towns, cities and universities in 69 countries, exceeding one million attendees.

In 2017 he launched 'JustOne' at the Arsenal Emirates Stadium in London, and JustOne events are being conducted throughout the UK.

Evangelist, minister, speaker, broadcaster and writer, J. John communicates the Christian faith in a practical way. He has his own weekly TV programme, which is broadcast globally, and a number of podcasts.

He has written several books across a range of subjects including the 'Theology for Little People', a series to help children understand biblical truth. One of his other books is 'Just 10' – Living out the Ten Commandments in the 21st Century.

J. John is married to Killy and they have three sons, one daughter-in-law and three grandchildren.

BISHOP MARINEZ BASSOTTO

The Rt Revd Marinez Bassotto, is the first woman to serve as an Anglican bishop in South America. She was consecrated in Brazil's Amazon Diocese.

Bishop Marinez was born in Canguçu in what was then a missionary area of the Church.

Her grandparents were founder-members of one of the missions and she felt a call to ministry very early on in her life. She has previously served as Dean of the National Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity in Porto Alegre and holds a number of national roles in the province.



"The Episcopate... is an opportunity to serve"

"I feel very happy and at the same time I am very aware of the kind and size of the commitment I assume," Bishop-elect Marinez told the *Anglican Communion News Service*.

"For me, it is very clear that the episcopate is a priesthood ministry, an opportunity of service (diakonia). It is never an honour or status." Portuguese speaking, †Marinez leads a huge Diocese which is very scattered and rural. Many of the dreadful fires in the rain forests are in her Diocese. She is married to Paulo Bassotto; and the couple have two daughters.

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