

TAC growth planned by God – primate tells synod.

COOMERA Australia: The Most Reverend John Hepworth, Primate of the Traditional Anglican Communion, and Ordinary to the Anglican Catholic Church in Australia, told a meeting of the Queensland Synod (Australia), “We [TAC] have grown too fast. What we have done was planned by God.”

Archbishop Hepworth said, “Our major problem has been that we have grown too fast. We have not had the infrastructure and the financial resources to cope and service the demands of new churches and missions worldwide. We are experiencing the growth of God amongst his faithful people in an Anglican Catholic way. Had we designed it, our endeavours would have been much easier to manage, but what we have done was planned by God.

“This is a time for deeper prayer. There are serious conversations. We do not seek unity with the Holy See because the local church is beautiful, not by our own experiences, but because it is right.

We are a church which has sought unity of the wider church and in the process we have been transformed. This is a time for deeper prayer, discernment and transformation. Of learning what it is to be catholic.

Of course there are the distortions and the disobedience yet a need to be listening intently along the roadway, asking what the Church teaches.

We have done something specific and that has changed us.”

Archbishop Hepworth said, “The intensity of persecution, wrongful use of Canon law continues in the Anglican Communion.

Much of what we do in Australia has changed with the introduction of women bishops, and Catholics cannot relate to bishopesses.”