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All Christians are strongly encouraged to become active internet users, says a pamphlet written by internet pioneer Dr Brian Reid. It is published as an alternative to a recent Church of England working party report. The report is aimed specifically at educated, non-technical people who want guidance about the basic issues raised by the Internet. It is available without charge online at

<http://justus.anglican.org/resources/tracts/nc/>

in both web (HTML) and print (PDF) formats. Free copying and distribution of the report is encouraged.

The pamphlet is published by the Society of Archbishop Justus, proprietors of the Anglicans Online web site. The report represents less than five days of work, rather than three years by a working party, and is more limited in scope and far shorter in length than the working party report. The Society hopes that its publication will encourage widespread discussion of the relevant issues among Christians, especially within the Anglican Communion. The working party report was severely criticised on both the Anglicans Online and Ship of Fools web sites last weekend. The Society believes that it is more useful to offer this positive contribution than to engage in any further discussion of the report's failings.

Notes for Editors

Dr Brian K. Reid is one of the founders of the Internet. He is now Department Head at Bell Labs Research Silicon Valley, part of Lucent Corporation. From 1987 to 1998, he was Director of the Network Systems Laboratory of Digital Equipment Corporation, subsequently Compaq, Inc.

From 1980 to 1987 he was Professor of Computer Sciences at Stanford University. He studied at the University of Maryland and then at Carnegie-Mellon University, where he was involved in the development of the Internet from 1976 onwards. Further details of his professional qualifications and distinguished career can be found at <http://justus.anglican.org/reid.html>

The Society of Archbishop Justus was formed in 1996 and incorporated in 1997 as a nonprofit corporation in the State of New York, for the purpose of using the Internet to foster and further unity among Christians, especially Anglicans. The society also administers the internet domain name anglican.org on behalf of the International Domain Committee. Further details about the society can be found at <http://justus.anglican.org/soaj.html>.

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