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The Church of England, in partnership with the EKD (Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland) has released a book arising from a colloquium held at Lambeth Palace to discuss the role of European Churches in light of the UK's referendum decision to leave the European Union.

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The Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds, writes:

“Brexit has proved to be the most complex and polarising political and social challenge that the United Kingdom has faced since the Second World War. If it didn’t cause deep divisions, it certainly exposed them. Clearly, the consequences of such a rupture will continue to work their way out for a generation or more.

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How, then, are the churches in the United Kingdom and Europe to respond in such circumstances? What might a ‘ministry of reconciliation’ look like when any statement is taken to be partisan and, therefore, alienating to one side or the other in the debates.

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This colloquium was set up to begin a conversation around these important questions. Commentators from a variety of political stances came together at Lambeth Palace to think theologically about the Brexit phenomenon, its causes and its implications. These papers offer a first word, not the last, as Christians from diverse viewpoints and commitments attempt to have a constructive conversation about the Church’s role in the future.”

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The book is available from the publisher [Evangelische Verlagsanstalt Leipzig](#), [Amazon](#), and a limited number of copies are available at the Church House Bookshop in Westminster.

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