

MINUTES

Following the meeting of Bishop Clark, Mgr. Purdy and the Revd. Colin Davey on 3rd May 1974, a meeting was held on July 19th at which the Bishop of Ossory, Bishop Clark, the Revd. Michael Moore, the Revd. Colin Davey, and the Revd. Christopher Hill were present. There were three items on the Agenda:

1. Practical arrangements for the Grottaferrata Meeting;
2. Items for Business and other Meetings at Grottaferrata
(See Steering Committee's Proposals, Parts 1 and 2)
3. Discussion of Church and Authority
(See ARCIC 93, 94, Assignments for 1974 and Steering Committee's proposals, Part 3)

Decisions were taken and reports and suggestions made as follows:-

1. Practical Arrangements for the Grottaferrata Meeting

(a) Membership

- (i) Fr. Ahern would be unable to attend the meeting because he had to undergo an eye operation.
- (ii) The Revd. Dr. John Halliburton to be formally invited in the names of the Co-Chairmen to attend the meeting as an Anglican Consultant.
- (iii) The Revd. Christopher Hill had been appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury as Assistant Chaplain at the Counsellors on Foreign Relations and Anglican Secretary of ARCIC, with effect from 1st October 1974, but he would be attending the Grottaferrata meeting and would act as Anglican Secretary there, with the advice and assistance of the Revd. Dr. John Halliburton.

(b) Minutes

Dr. Halliburton to be asked also to assist Mr. Hill in taking the Minutes at the meeting.

(c) Programme

Mgr. Purdy to be invited to work out a daily programme for worship and work for the meeting, on the lines of the one for Gazzada and to circulate it to all members in advance of the meeting. Two half sessions on different occasions should be devoted to the Business Meeting and to a discussion of Reactions to the Canterbury Statement, times to be arranged at Grottaferrata.

(d) Services

The Chapel at Grottaferrata to be used for services and vestments borrowed. The Revd. David Murfet, Anglican Chaplain at All Saints', Rome, to be asked to lend Anglican service books.

(e) Excursions

The best time for an excursion would probably be Saturday afternoon, 31st August. Mgr. Purdy to be consulted about a visit to the Vatican and the Anglican Centre, and Dr. Smythe to be asked about the latter. Bishop Clark said that a Papal Audience at Castel Gandolfo would probably also be arranged.

(f) Invitations

Invitations to join the Commission for a meal to be confined to the following ecclesiastical visitors: Cardinal Willebrands, Mgr. Moeller, the Rector of the English College, the Revd. Dr. Harry Smythe, Revd. David Murfet, Revd. Wilbur Woodhams or the Revd. R.B. Pegram.

2. Items for Business and Other Meetings at Grottaferrata

(a) Reactions to the Canterbury Statement

- (i) Mgr. Purdy's paper had already been circulated and a parallel one was being prepared by the Revd. Colin Davey with a draft Bibliography attached.
- (ii) English ARC's discussion leaflet could be noted.
- (iii) Publication and timing of commentaries: although it was wise for the Co-Chairmen to introduce a Statement to the Press, it should be recommended to members that there should be a short gap of perhaps two weeks before the publication of commentaries. (Owing to the need to refer to the text, commentaries would still have the text published with them.) A Resolution in these terms to be put before the Commission.

(b) Reports for the Business Meeting

- (i) Report of the Dublin 1974 meeting of the Marriage Commission to be circulated and Mgr. Purdy to speak to it. (The Bishop of Ossory's recent lectures on Mixed Marriages, to be published on July 29th, to be noted at the meeting).
- (ii) Proposed Communications Group: the Revd. Colin Davey to draft a Resolution to put before the Business Meeting welcoming Bishop Howe's proposal for the setting up by the Vatican and the A.C.C. of a small informal group to keep each Church informed of matters concerned with Anglican/Roman Catholic relations, which are outside the scope of the Anglican/Roman Catholic International Commission.
- (iii) The Revd. Colin Davey was preparing a paper on National Anglican/Roman Catholic Dialogues for circulation to the Commission and discussion. The Commission's permission for its publication would be sought.
- (iv) The Revd. Colin Davey to write to Professor Fairweather to invite him to speak briefly on A.O.J.D.D., to Mgr. Purdy to ask him to speak on the Roman Catholic Dialogues with other Churches and to Dr. Gassmann to ask him to speak on bi-lateral dialogues in general.

(c) Publications

- (i) At the Business Meeting there should be a report on the sales of "Anglican/Roman Catholic Dialogues" and the Canterbury Statement on Ministry. The Revd. Colin Davey to get the information.

There would also be an announcement of the forthcoming publication of Modern Texts on Ministry and of Critiques of the Windsor Statement, both on January 16th 1975. (S.P.C.K. to be asked to supply advance copies to the Co-Chairmen) and of "Canterbury and Rome" by Archdeacon Pawley to be published by Mowbray's this autumn.

- (ii) The Editorial Committee (originally Bishop Clark and Revd. Colin Davey with power to co-opt) must be reconstituted. The suggestion would be made of Bishop Clark and Revd. Christopher Hill, with power to co-opt. (After the meeting arrangements should be made for the alteration of the signatories of the ARCIC bank account.)
- (iii) A recommendation to be made from the chair that a selection of papers on Church and Authority should be offered by the Commission to "One in Christ" in the autumn. These would be selected by the Editorial Committee. (Members should be reminded that they were perfectly free to publish their own position papers in any journal, but that it would be appreciated if they let the Co-Chairmen know of their plans in advance. Minutes of sessions should not be published, but could be used to help in the writing of introductions to papers etc.)
- (d) Graymoor Prize and Gift from Papua/New Guinea
- (i) The use to which the Graymoor Prize could be put to be discussed. It would be suggested from the chair that the money might usefully be saved in case the Commission wanted to publish material at the end of their work which would not pay for itself, such as a full documentation of the Commission's work, which would help to promote it.
- (ii) The gift of £62 from the Church of Papua/New Guinea to be reported. The Co-Chairmen have written to Bishop Hand to thank him for this.
- (e) Dates of Future Meetings and Shape of Future Work
- (i) The dates had been arranged as follows:
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| 1975 | 29th August - 7th September at St. Stephen's House, Oxford |
| 1976 | 24th August - 2nd September |
| 1977 | 30th August - 8th September |
- (ii) In the discussion of the shape of future work, the Co-Chairmen would stress the need for the Final Report to contain definite conclusions and recommendations. The Bishop of Ossory said these might include the "rich notion of partial communion" and the Malta Report's idea of "Unity by Stages". They would also challenge those who would not accept that the essential characteristics of a true ecclesia are to be found in the Anglican Church. It might be proposed that informed experts, not now members of the Commission, should be invited to assist in the writing of the Report. (Names to be put before the Commission: Mgr. Moeller and Professor Dunstan.)

3. Discussion of Church and Authority

(a) Report on preparatory material

- (i) All papers expected at Lambeth had been received except that by Professor Dunstan. Fr. Lutticken's manuscript in German had only just arrived and Dr. Chadwick's opinion would be sought on whether it should be professionally translated for circulation to all members in advance of the meeting.

- (ii) The Revd. Colin Davey to write to Fr. Ryan and Professor Schuyler Brown to remind them about the circulation of their papers. Copies of "Peter in the New Testament" had been ordered from the United States, but it was not yet known whether they would arrive in time for the meeting.
- (iii) Fr. Ahern's paper on Peter would not now be written.

(b) Shape of Discussion at Grottaferrata and beyond

- (i) Sufficient time, perhaps two full sessions, should be spent at the beginning of the meeting discussing the way the work should proceed. The Co-Chairmen would present the Steering Committee's proposals. It would be suggested that members should work on the three subjects:

1. New Testament and Authority
2. Ecclesiology and Koinonia
3. Primacy and Petrine Office or
Infallibility and Indefectibility

The composition of the Sub-Commissions was proposed as follows: (Members would be free to change groups if they changed with a member of their own Church, so that the balance was not altered.)

I New Testament and Authority

Dr. Yarnold (Chairman)
Archbishop Arnott
Bishop Butler
Bishop Knapp-Fisher
Revd. J. Charley
Fr. Duprey
Professor Root

II Ecclesiology and Koinonia

Bishop Vogel (Chairman)
Bishop Clark
Fr. Tavard
Fr. Tillard
Dr. Halliburton
Dr. Gassmann
Revd. G. Hill

III Primacy and Petrine Office or
Infallibility and Indefectibility

Dean Chadwick (Chairman)
Bishop McAdoo
Bishop Moorman
Professor Fairweather
Fr. Ryan
Mgr. Purdy
Professor Scarisbrick

The Revd. Colin Davey would write on behalf of the Co-Chairmen to ask those suggested as Chairmen if they would be willing to act as such.

He would also send the Co-Chairmen copies of the A.O.J.D.D. axioms on Scripture and Tradition.

These subjects form items 2, 3, and 4 (or 6) of the May 3rd Steering Committee's Proposals on "The Shape of the Discussion of Church and Authority". It was felt that item 1 (religious authority in the world and the fundamental differences between Anglican and Roman Catholics on Authority) should be brought in at the beginning and kept in mind throughout, but not be made the subject of a separate subcommission.

The subcommissions could be asked to present papers for discussion and finalization by the Full Commission.

It would help to have a meeting of the Steering Committee half way through the Conference.

It would be advisable to ask the groups to formulate proposals for the Commission's future work. These could be discussed and perhaps, as at Gazzada, three members would be asked to produce a Schema for the work 1974-5, together with proposed assignments to individuals or groups. Reference back to ARCIC 93 and 94 might help to see gaps that still needed to be filled e.g. on Authority in moral questions.

In conclusion the Co-Chairmen spoke of requests to note our areas of disagreement as well as our agreements, and of the need, in reply, to stress the depth of our agreement. What holds us together is infinitely more important than what we disagree on, which need not be an obstacle to our eventual communion.

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