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TO ALL MEMBERS OF ARCIC-II

I am very happy to let you know that the next plenary meeting of ARCIC-II will be held from the evening of Wednesday, 24th August (evening meal at 7.0 p.m.) until after breakfast on Friday, 2nd September at Edinburgh Theological College, Rosebery Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 5JT. (Telephone: (031) 337-3838). We are all assured of a very warm welcome from the Principal, Canon John Armson, and his staff.

I am also taking this opportunity of enclosing travel information for Anglican members to enable you to make early arrangements. Roman Catholic members will be hearing direct from Kevin McDonald. (Map of Edinburgh City Centre enclosed for all

The Storrington Sub-Commission met at the home of Bishop Murphy-O'Connor from 3rd - 6th January. Its membership was Bishop Cormac, Bishop John Baycroft, Mrs. Mary Tanner, Fr. Kevin McDonald and myself. Its task was to consider the question of the ordination of women in relation to growth in communion and in particular the draft work on koinonia already in preparation. What you see as the Storrington Draft (ARCIC-II 77 (88)) is by way of a schema rather than a continuous text. But we hope that other members of ARCIC will be able to see the drift of the argument we suggest for consideration at the full meeting. The Sub-Commission makes no formal suggestion as to whether something like this schema should itself (in fleshed out form) be part of the main Growth in Communion Document, or be published in association with it. The note appended to the schema offers carefully considered material for a longer separate document, though some of this material, in shorter form, might also need to be seen in any document on "Growth in Communion". The Commission will therefore not only need to consider the content of the Storrington material but also how and where it might relate to other material. The Birmingham Sub-Commission may wish to reflect on this. The Sub-Commission will also give thought to further documentation on the question of the ordination of women, and this will be circulated later, including the Report of the Church of England House of Bishops, which deals with some of the theological issues referred to in the Note appended to the Storrington text.

I am glad to be able to report that other Sub-Commissions are also now arranged:

Australia - Authority, Primacy and Communion - already began their work in November and due to meet again on 16th March when it is anticipated they will complete the work assigned to them.

North America, Washington, DC - Reconciliation of  
Ministries - 16th - 18th March.

Rome - Moral Issues - 22nd - 24th March

Birmingham, UK - To carry on work on the Introduction and  
on Unity and Diversity - 8th - 11th April

As soon as the Secretaries have received draft material  
from these Sub-Commissions, it will be sent to all members.

I attach copies of:

ARCIC-II 77 (88) Storrington Sub-Commission: The  
Ordination of Women and Growth in Communion

14 (87) Continuation of the Catalogue of Papers

"Reflections on ARCIC-II" by Paul Avis  
("Theology", November 1987)

As you will remember, Fr. Adappur was forced to leave  
the meeting at Palazzola early because of the serious illness  
of his father. Members will be sorry to learn that he died  
soon afterwards. No doubt members will be remembering both  
Fr. Adappur and his father in their prayers.



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