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Fr. Pierre Duprey,
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Unitatem Fovendam,
Vatican City.

Dear Pierre,

Consultation about women priests.

This letter follows on from our previous correspondence, and our conversation in Rome Airport when the Archbishop was departing.

1. My letter of 1st March, which was answered by Bill Purdy (860/77) on 28th March, 1977.
My points (a), (b), (c) and (d) are accepted.
About (e), see below, No. 3.
My final sentence proposing a first meeting at the end of 1977 will not do. See below, No.2.iii.
2. At Rome Airport we further agreed that:
 - i. Five a side is definite
 - ii. The place not Rome or London or USA. Possibly Venice.
 - iii. The first meeting should be early in 1978, probably February; not in 1977.
As a suggestion, how would this be:
three full working days, 22-24th February.
Therefore arrive on Tuesday, 21st, and leave on Saturday, 25th February, 1978.
 - iv. We keep in touch as members are appointed.
3. Now about (e) in my letter of 1st March. I there suggested three meetings, but I wonder if this may be more than we need. How would it be if we plan one meeting (February 1978) and expect that that will arrange for a second about a year later; meanwhile prescribing at the outset that the conference shall produce its report not later than the end of June 1979?
4. For the Anglican side the ACC Standing Committee at its meeting last month agreed to the necessary finances.

Let me know what you think about items 1, 2 and 3, and if we are generally in agreement I will set about getting the little Anglican team appointed.

Yours very sincerely,

JH.

✓ cc. Rev. C. Hill.

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