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TO ANGLICAN MEMBERS OF THE CONSULTATION ON
THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN TO THE PRIESTHOOD

You will have been wondering what has become of the Report drawn up by the Consultation in Versailles over three months ago.

Apparently paragraph 6 has been held to be liable to serious misinterpretation on the Roman Catholic side and various means of encouraging a fair interpretation have been suggested by the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, not all of which have been acceptable from the point of view of Anglican procedures.

However, after considerable discussion between the Secretary-General of the Anglican Consultative Council and the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, it has been agreed that Anglican Primates will now receive the Report for their churches (just in time for the Lambeth Conference). The Report is printed with a factual Introduction and will go to the Primates with a covering letter from Bishop John Howe. The text of the Introduction and of Bishop Howe's letter to Primates has been shared with the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity and notes the general area of their concern.

I now send you the printed version of the Introduction and Report together with a copy of Bishop Howe's letter.

You will recall that Mgr. Purdy and I were asked to prepare a final text of the Report from the final Versailles version. This has of course involved no changes of substance. I also enclose the remainder of the Minutes of the meeting.

With warm best wishes,

(The Revd.) CHRISTOPHER HILL

Bulk package also sent to Mgr. Purdy for RC members of the Consultation.