

THE BRITISH AND IRISH ANGLICAN CHURCHES AND THE COMMUNITY OF PROTESTANT CHURCHES IN EUROPE

ADDRESSING THE 2012 MEMORANDUM OF AFFIRMATION AND COMMITMENT

COMMUNIQUÉ

As the British and Irish Anglican Churches and the Community of Protestant Churches in Europe (CPCE) pursue their pilgrimage towards the goal of “full visible unity”, they will continue to work for a shared understanding that will enable them to take further steps towards closer fellowship.

The conversations at Kloster Kappel, near Zurich, from 22-24 October 2014 centred on the current situation of the CPCE and the Anglican Churches in Europe and took into account the commitments made in the Memorandum of Affirmation and Commitment in 2012.

Participants discussed how an exploration of our shared Christian heritage might lead to a deeper understanding of and need for each other in an increasingly secular and pluralistic Europe. The aim is to root Christian Witness and Service in a changing Europe in a shared theology and an understanding of the Gospel. To this end some of the themes considered were *developing Christian confidence, how we can assist each other in major projects of research and reflection and countering a competitive model of church life.*

The proposal of the participants for further work is to hold a consultation (possibly early 2017) on *Spirituality and Church Life* by also looking at key documents which have emerged from both bodies in recent years in this area. These could be liturgical texts or other relevant ecumenical material.

Participants

The Revd Prof. Dr André Birmelé, Protestant Church of Alsace;

The Revd Dr Richard Franklin, Church of England;

The Revd Prof. Dr Martin Friedrich, Evangelical Church of Westphalia and CPCE Co-ordinator;

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The Revd Prof. Dr Lukas Kundert, Church President, Reformed Church Basel-Stadt/
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The Revd Canon Dr Leslie Nathaniel, Church of England and Anglican Co-ordinator;

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