

ARCIC/Canterbury/3

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SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR THE SECTION ON THE
CANTERBURY STATEMENT

1. Matter for a Preface or an Appendix

- (a) 'Common inheritance'. I suggest here that reference could be made to both the Malta Report (section 3) and to the Joint Declaration of the Pope and the Archbishop in 1966. If tradition is discussed, I feel it must be underlined that there is a vertical and a horizontal dimension to this question, i.e. the study of tradition involves us in looking not only to Christian history but also to the contemporary church and the present living tradition.
- (b) 'Koinonia'
- (c) 'Proclamation'. A simple account of what is meant by 'effective proclamation'; related to our use of this term in Windsor 5 and Canterbury 3.
(Note: the verb 'proclaim' in I Cor. 11 is 'katagello', as it is in the anamnesis of the Liturgy of St. Mark and not 'kerusso').
- (d) 'Church'. This may present great problems. Clearly we use the term to mean:
- (i) The universal sacrament of salvation (cf. Vatican II).
 - (ii) The local church (presided over by the bishop).
 - (iii) The communion of local churches.
 - (iv) Any one ecclesial body.
 - (v) 'The coming great church', i.e. the Church as Christ intends it to be.

2. The Shape of an introductory Essay

- (a) The purpose of the Statement, reiterated.
- (b) The major difficulties (not necessarily in order of importance).
 - (i) Is this an agreed statement? The disagreement or the commentaries.
 - (ii) An authorised ministry, a threefold structure → was there or is there an alternative (in the light of BCC criticism).
 - (iii) The apostolate and the Christian ministry.
 - (iv) The Christian ministry and the unity of the Churches (cf. Venice Statement)
 - (v) A note on the ordination of women (with reference to the coming consultation).
 - (vi) A note on the reconciliation of ministries. (with reference to the work of the Groupe des Dombes and the General Synod of the Church of England).