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INTRODUCTION

1. Our intention has been to gain a deeper understanding of Ministry which is consonant with biblical teaching and with the traditions of our common inheritance, and to express in this document the consensus we have reached. (cf. Agreed Statement on the Doctrine of the Eucharist). This Statement is not designed to be an exhaustive treatment of the subject. Rather, knowing that both our Churches have always intended faithfully to adhere to the traditional form of ministry which they have inherited, we plan to state our common understanding of what our ministers do and are.