

Anglican/Roman Catholic Commission Southern Africa.
AUTHORITY. A Working Schema.

God, the Source of authority.

The authority of Christ.

The power of the Holy Spirit.

The redemptive character of Christ's authority:

Kenosis - Servanthood:

His respect for human freedom:

The 'offence' of Christ's perfect humanity.

The authority of the Church in Mission:

Christ's authorization:

Christ's example.

Unity in the Spirit:

authority in a divided Church:

authority as a function of unity.

Authority and truth.

Authority within the Church:

the eschatological dimension of authority:

modes of authority:

distortions of authority.

Authority and Consensus.

Source of Scripture and tradition.

Origin of both in the Holy Spirit.

Scripture:

its authority:

its interpretation:

its sufficiency.

Tradition:

description and definition:

value and authority:

its content - especially vis-à-vis Scripture:

distortions arising from tradition:

sources of tradition - e.g. people, magisterium etc.

Scripture and tradition.

is one supreme over the other ?

is this a false problem ?

their mutual relationship.

The Canon of Scripture.

by what authority is it accepted and recognized ?

does the basic principle of authority in the Church remain

the same both before and after the closing of the Canon ?

C. The nature and function of the authority of the ministers
(institutional and 'charismatic') in relation to the redemptive
authority of Christ and to each other.

the ordained ministry:

the charasmatic ministry:

the Episcopate:

the Papacy.