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TO ALL MEMBERS OF ARCIC-II

The Steering Committee (the Co-Chairmen with the Co-Secretaries) of ARCIC-II met at Storrington, England (May 22nd and 23rd) and carefully worked through the detailed amendments a number of members have submitted on the Graymoor Draft (50/(c) (85)). Submissions were made by Julian Charley, Donald Cameron, Cecily Boulding, Henry Chadwick, Mary Tanner, Ted Yarnold and Brendan Soane. Some of these have already been sent to you. The remainder are included in this circulation. The Secretaries had previously worked together on purely drafting points. These were by and large accepted at Storrington which then examined more substantial suggestions. Almost all the amendments have been accepted either as proposed or in modified form - except where an amendment was cancelled out by another. An example of this will be found by comparing the proposals of Julian Charley and Brendan Soane.

The Steering Committee also made its own drafting suggestions throughout, but especially the last three paras. of the text now Nos.30, 31 and 32 in the Storrington Draft).

Two outside theologians had been privately consulted by members of the Commission: Professor Frans Jozef van Beeck, SJ, (Cody Professor of Theology, Loyola University, Chicago) and Dr. Alister McGrath, (Lecturer in Systematic Theology, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford). Professor van Beeck recommended a stronger, more Trinitarian opening paragraph. Dr. McGrath was highly critical of the Graymoor historical paragraphs (as were members of the Commission itself). These points were taken into account at Storrington. In effect para.1 has been expanded and the following Graymoor second, third and fourth paragraphs have been replaced by their earlier Graymoor equivalents - which Dr. McGrath found much more acceptable (cf. 50/(a) (85)).

The Steering Committee recommends that the paragraph on 'Practices' should become a short detached Note. It also suggests similar Notes on official Roman Catholic statements (e.g. Trent) and Anglican formulations (e.g. the Articles of Religion). It also proposes that the footnote on the word 'justification' be added to Salvation and Justification rather than the Introduction and the insertion of the paragraph on faith and works (with the quotation from James) into the section on Salvation and Good Works.

We attach a Table indicating the paragraphs to which changes have been made and some indication of the revision. A careful comparison of 50/(c) and the enclosed Storrington Draft will indicate the detailed amendments accepted for submission to the whole Commission.

At Llandaff the Co-Chairmen hope that all non-controversial (drafting) amendments will be submitted in writing and without major comment. The main discussion will, it is hoped, concentrate only on substantive issues and the acceptance of the document as a whole.

We enclose a further page of the ARCIC-II Catalogue of Papers in the hope that it will assist members to get their documents together for the meeting. If any member lacks a paper, it would be very helpful if you could let either of the Co-Secretaries know in advance of the meeting, so that we can either post it to you or ensure that a copy is available for you at Llandaff.

Practical Matters

Members are reminded that the meeting will start with dinner at 7.0 p.m. on Tuesday, 26th August, and finish after breakfast on Thursday, 4th September, and will take place at:

St. Michael's College,

Llandaff,

Cardiff, CF5 2YJ.

Telephone: Cardiff 563379 (Code in UK: 0222)

Travel to Cardiff on Arrival in England

If you plan to travel direct from Heathrow to Cardiff, you should pick up the coach which departs from outside each of the airport terminals at 25 and 55 minutes past the hour from 07.55 until 21.55 (with a final coach for the day an hour later at 22.55) for Reading General Railway Station. The journey takes one hour and ten minutes. The coach is clearly marked Reading Station, but members will no doubt check before getting on. The price is £3-50 single.

I attach a photocopy of the current British Rail timetable which gives the times of trains Reading-Cardiff and return.

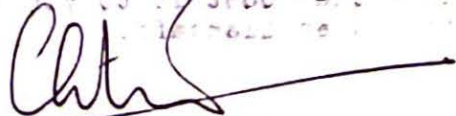
If you plan to arrive in England a few days before the ARCIC meeting begins, and will be travelling from London, the same time-table also shows the times of trains from London to Cardiff and return. Llandaff is only a bus or taxi ride from Cardiff Station.

If you let us know your flights in time, we shall try to let you know whether other members are arriving at Heathrow at about the same time, so that you can travel to Wales by train together. Others already in London might also like to travel by the same train from Paddington.

Your Co-Chairmen and Co-Secretaries look forward to seeing you at Llandaff.

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KEVIN McDONALD



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I attach a BR Rail Voucher for all Anglican members. This can be exchanged for a ticket at your local station. ACC policy is that members normally travel by public transport wherever possible. If a member prefers to use his or her car, he or she can claim the normal second class rail fare. Where, exceptionally, the use of a car is essential - e.g. if there is no public transport or where heavy equipment needs to be transported, application may be made to the ACC Treasurer for authorization to use a car. In that case, the rate per mile will be 30.4.

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NOTE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF ARCIC

During July Professor Bob Wright will be circulating to all members direct from New York a paper on the Ordination of Women and his comments on the Graymoor Draft.

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