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From Father Lister Tonge

Monday 16 October.

*Dear Chris, — met at Inwood Park Church.*

Greetings to you from the whitest part of the Dark Continent!

I have seen only the vaguest reports about a statement concerning the ordination of women issued shortly before Lambeth by, I think, the ACC and the Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity. I want to get hold of the complete text of same and could not think how to do so.

It occurred to me that this might fall within your sphere of activity and I wonder whether you could actually supply a copy of the statement or tell me where I might be able to get it. That is, of course, presuming I have correctly identified it in the first place.

S. Mary's is proving something of a hornets' nest, in many ways; but there we are. It still seems to be the right place for me at the moment: quite why this is so has yet to be revealed!

Bishop Timothy tells me you were working in the same group at Lambeth.

The deaths of two Popes have provided me with points of contact with our Roman opposite number: otherwise, ecumenism of any kind seems to be something that is done 'overseas' --unless, of course, one speaks in tongues. !

My regards to you.

*Sincerely,  
Lister*

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