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Here is the ARCCOW circulation. In consultation with Bill Purdy I have included Christian Howard's article in the "Ecumenical Review". Bill also tells me that there will not be a position paper from Rome, so the absence of a specially-commissioned Anglican paper will not matter too much. Nevertheless Christian Howard is in touch with Archbishop Scott on the question of the sacramental relationship between churches which do and do not ordain women. Archbishop Scott has promised to ask the House of Bishops to give some information through Bishop Valentine. This could be very helpful indeed.

I have written to Central Africa to try and get information behind the Synod request for no action from Canada and the same Synod's agreement that it should remain in full communion, even if provinces took action on the ordination of women. This could also be very valuable information to have.

David Paton has also been very helpful over the background to Limuru.

One thing I think it would be very useful to have is some idea of the Lambeth Conference's handling of the question as far as it has been planned in advance. I gather that the Bishop of Derby will be chairing the group concerned, but if there is any more you could tell me in confidence that I could share with the Consultation, this would be helpful. I should be happy to come over and have a word, if this is the easiest way.

With my warm best wishes,

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