

The question posed to the Consultation was:

"Given that member churches of the Anglican Communion are almost certain to ordain women priests in the next few years, we recommend a consultation between Anglicans and Roman Catholics - not to discuss whether or not it is right to ordain women, but to try to find to what extent and in what ways churches with women priests and churches without can be reconciled in sacramental fellowship".

In answering this we must distinguish between churches: the churches and provinces of the Anglican Communion differ in practice among themselves, some have, but the majority do not (yet) have women priests, but all remain within communion with each other. This is characteristic of the style of and life of the Anglican Communion. The position in the Roman Catholic Church is however different.

Given that certain churches of the Anglican Communion have ordained women to the presbyterate the question posed to the Consultation was not to discuss whether or not it is right to ordain (w.) but to consider "to what extent and in what ways churches with women priests and churches without can be reconciled in sacramental fellowship".