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TO ALL MEMBERS OF ARCIC

As mandated at Chichester, two consecutive Sub-Commissions took place from 5th - 9th June and from 9th - 10th June to prepare for the full meeting of ARCIC at Venice later this year.

At Verulam House, St. Albans, the following members prepared a draft continuation of the Venice Statement: Archbishop McAdoo, Bishop Clark, Bishop Knapp-Fisher, Bishop Moorman, Fr. Duprey, Fr. Yarnold, Fr. Tillard, Mr. Charley and myself. The Sub-Commission had before it ARCIC 181 by Bishop Vogel and Fr. Tavard, ARCIC 186A and B by Archbishop McAdoo, ARCIC 189 by Dean Chadwick and Fr. Yarnold, and ARCIC 190 by Fr. Tillard. At the meeting two position papers were first prepared stating respectively Anglican reservations and Roman Catholic understanding of universal primacy. These papers (ARCIC 191/1 and 191/2) will be available at Venice for any member to examine the means and stages by which the final joint draft was compiled. After detailed consideration of the two position papers it was decided to redraft entirely the Roman Catholic paper not only to include the Anglican 'objections' but also to see whether a new constructive consensus could be achieved. Separate work was also begun on Peter in the New Testament. The first version of a joint draft on primacy was subsequently revised, modified, and finally extended and is now circulated as ARCIC 191/6 Authority in the Church - A Draft Supplement. Similarly after two previous drafts the work on Peter in the New Testament is offered as ARCIC 191/7 Authority in the Church - A Draft Supplement to 24(a). The Sub-Commission offers these two drafts for the consideration of the Commission as a whole noting that at this stage technical theological terms remain for the time being in their texts.

Following the St. Albans meeting the Chichester 'Windsor' Sub-Commission reconvened at Damascus House, Mill Hill, with Bishop Knapp-Fisher replacing Bishop Vogel and Fr. Duprey joining the group. The Sub-Commission revised ARCIC 173/Windsor/2 in the light of the plenary discussion at Chichester (see Summary Minutes ARCIC 174), completed the draft as ARCIC 192 Draft Response to the Eucharist Statement: Mill Hill, and offer it for the consideration of the full Commission.

Taking advantage of the presence of the Chairman of the Chichester 'Canterbury' Sub-Commission, Bishop Knapp-Fisher (and another of its members, Fr. Duprey), some of the remaining members of the St. Albans and Mill Hill Sub-Commissions unofficially spent a final morning considering the most effective way of incorporating the material of the Chichester 'Canterbury' Sub-Commission into any final response. It should be emphasised that this was entirely ad hoc and tentative. As well as its Chairman, Bishop Knapp-Fisher, and Fr. Duprey, the group consisted of Bishop Clark (who left before the end of the group's discussion), Fr. Tillard and myself. The group offer ARCIC 193 The Response to the Ministry Statement: A Tentative Draft Outline in the

spirit of its title as a constructive expansion of the thought of the material produced at Chichester (ARCIC 173/Canterbury/7).

Details of other ARCIC papers in this circulation may be found on the Continuation of the Catalogue of Papers (ARCIC 44). For those not at the two Sub-Commissions these will be ARCIC 184 onwards. The two exceptions are ARCIC 186C, which will be sent direct to all members by Fr. Ryan about the middle of July, and in a few cases ARCIC 190 (Fr. Tillard's "The Jurisdiction of the Bishop of Rome"). This will be sent direct from the Vatican.

Also enclosed for those not at the Sub-Commissions are copies of the three Statements printed together and the text of Cardinal Hume's Address to the General Synod.

If any member finds that his set of papers is incomplete, we should be more than grateful if he would kindly let us know at Lambeth before the Venice meeting, as it will be difficult to take more than the minimum of spare copies by air.

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