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The Revd. Christopher J. Hill,
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My dear Christopher,

Many thanks for your letter of 30th July about
Monsignor Moeller's letter. I am sure that the suggestions
you make about the Secretariat's confusion and how it arose
are correct. I agree too about the kind of response you
proposed to the letter.

If it is to concern the ACC, then I am sure it has to
be on the point the Archbishop quoted in his original letter
from the Note which emanated from the informal talks last
November, namely a discussion of relationships between Churches
that have women Priests and Churches that don't.

The other question, on the matter of the Ordination of
women itself, is something on which the ACC at Limuru and Dublin
stated its position, and I would not be able to assume otherwise.
So that would be a Church of England matter if it is taken up at all.

Yes, it would take several months to name a representative
Anglican team for such talks, and therefore it might take anything
up to a year between a decision that we go ahead and the actual first
Meeting.

On the matter of costs, I have little doubt that the
Meeting arranged by the Vatican would be in Rome. I am less sure
that the Anglican Meeting would be in England. It might conceivably
be in Singapore or Los Angeles. For discussion of the kind I have
mentioned, I think the ACC could find much of the money from its
Ecumenical Fund, and I think I would be within my competence to agree
in due course that it should do so without my referring the matter
to an ACC Committee. The purpose of the ACC Ecumenical Fund is
sufficiently clear.

Changing the subject, do you have a copy of what the
Archbishop of Canterbury said in General Synod about his correspondence
with the Pope? If a copy exists, I should be glad to have one for the
record here.

With many thanks and all good wishes,

Yours ever,

John