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Outline to indicate contents of INTRODUCTION to Versailles
Joint Statement

Origin. In 1975 an informal meeting in Rome of Anglicans and Roman Catholics recommended in a "Note" to the ABC and Cardinal Willibands of the Secretariat for Christian Unity that a small Consultation of members of the two Churches should take place to consider "to what extent and in what ways churches with women priests and churches without women priests can be reconciled in sacramental fellowship".

Actions agreed. In (date) a Plenary Session of the Secretariat for Xtn Unity decided a Consultation should be held.

In May 1977 the Standing Cte of the ACC, acting under its Terms of Reference No 5, agreed to support Anglican participation in the Consultation and asked the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Sec Gen of the ACC to nominate Anglican members.

The Terms of Reference for the Consultation were

To consider to what extent and in what ways churches with women priests and churches without women priests can be reconciled in sacramental fellowship.

Authority. It was agreed the findings and advice of the Consultation would be those of its members.

Members. It was agreed that each Church should have five members. The Roman Catholic members appointed by the Secretariat for Christian Unity were:

Fr Ives Congar (France)
Fr Doyle SSF (England)
Fr Pierre Duprey (WF ?) (Vatican: Sec't for Unity)
Fr Hotchkin (USA)
Mgr William Purdy (Vatican: Sec't for Unity),
also serving as Secretary.

The Anglican members appointed by the ABC and S-G ACC were:

Bp Donald Cameron (Sydney, Australia)
Prof E Fashole-Luke (Sierra Leone)
Prof James Griffiss (USA)
Miss Christian Howard (England)
Bp Barry Valentine (Canada)
(Secretary: Rev Chris Hill, CFR)

Meetings. (Provision was made for a meeting in 1978, with the possibility of a second in 1979 which the Consultation did not require.)

Versailles, France, 27th February to 2nd March 1978.

Joint Statement. The Joint Statement issued by the Consultation was as follows:-

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... .Bring it to fulfilment.

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