



Church of Ireland
The General Synod
Commission for
Christian Unity and
Dialogue

*Directory of Anglican,
Porvoo, Ecumenical and
Inter-faith links*

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INTRODUCTION

One of the chief characteristics of twentieth century church history has been the growth of ecumenical life. The Edinburgh World Missionary Conference of 1910 is generally recognised as marking the beginning of the modern ecumenical movement for it was in that context of missionary endeavour that the Churches recognised the urgent need for greater co-operation. The cause of co-operation soon became the cause of unity itself. The churches of the Anglican Communion have consistently supported the ecumenical vision, as have successive Lambeth Conferences. All the Lambeth Conferences have not only given encouragement but also have been a stimulus to the ecumenical involvement of Anglicans around the world. The Church of Ireland has played its part in the unfolding ecumenical experience, in Ireland, in these islands, in Europe and in the world context.

The ecumenical movement has required instruments of unity. These have grown both locally and on a wider scale. As a national church, the Church of Ireland is involved in a series of ecumenical organisations each of which relates to the particular circumstances of its region. The ecumenical movement's range is literally from local to global.

There is a financial commitment in belonging to ecumenical organisations. They have properties and staff. The total of the annual Church of Ireland contributions to the organisations we describe here is just over €117,000. This leaflet attempts to summarise the scale of work that is carried out by the various major ecumenical organisations of which the Church of Ireland is a long-standing and committed member. The work they do is ours also.

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Contacts

All contacts listed are correct at going to print (April 2013)

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Amendments

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that this booklet is as comprehensive as possible we acknowledge that there is probably information missing. Should you wish to make any suggestions, etc. please use the contact details on the back cover of this booklet.

THE COMMISSION FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY & DIALOGUE

2012

Membership

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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



The Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue operates through a consortium of working groups, dealing respectively with matters ecumenical, intra-Anglican contacts (including our relationship with the Porvoo churches), and inter-faith dialogue. Although each has clearly distinctive responsibilities it is crucial that they do not exist in isolation from one another, hence the umbrella structure of the Commission.

It is important also for the well-being of the Church of Ireland that neither the Commission nor any of its working groups should ever be regarded as in any sense to do simply with the “external” relationships of the Church of Ireland, almost in the sense of a diplomatic service. What the Church of Ireland does in its relationship with other Christian traditions and the other provinces of the Anglican Communion, and in its dealings with other faiths, defines what we ourselves truly are, as one tradition within a wider Church.

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ANGLICAN & PORVOO LINKS



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ANGLICAN CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL (ACC)

The role of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) is to facilitate the co-operative work of the churches of the Anglican Communion, exchange information between the Provinces and churches, and help to co-ordinate common action. It advises on the organisation and structures of the Communion, and seeks to develop common policies with respect to the world mission of the Church, including ecumenical matters. The ACC meets every two or three years and its present policy is to meet in different parts of the world. Since it began there have been fourteen meetings of the Council. The last meeting ACC-15 took place between 27th October and 7th November 2012 in Auckland New Zealand between

Anglican Communion Office Secretariat

The Anglican Communion Office, based in London, England, at St Andrew's House, is the permanent secretariat for the Instruments of Communion. It serves Anglican Consultative Council, the Primates' Meetings and the Lambeth

Conference, as well commissions, committees and groups that emerge from time to time, as the need arises. The Revd Canon Kenneth Kearon serves as Secretary General of the Anglican Communion. The office maintains the Anglican Communion database and has an archive of Anglican meetings dated back to the formation of the ACC.

Anglican Communion Office at the United Nations (ACOUN)

The Anglican Communion Office at the United Nations (ACOUN) offices in New York and Geneva interface between the United Nations and the Anglican Communion. Staff at the offices convey Anglican concerns to the UN and Governments while also keeping Anglicans informed about international initiatives. In this way, they enable the Communion to develop effective partnerships with the UN and its various organisations. There are two offices through which this work is carried out: one in New York and one in Geneva. Over time, each office has developed specializations in specific issue areas. A mix of full-time and volunteer staff, all with experience of international issues, carry out the work at both locations.

Unity Faith and Order

The Department for Unity, Faith and Order (formerly the Department for Ecumenical Affairs) works towards the deepening of communion between the Churches of the Anglican Communion, and between those Churches and other Christian traditions. The Department staffs and services the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Unity, Faith and Order (IASCUFO) and all bilateral ecumenical dialogues at the global level, and acts on behalf of the Communion in multi-lateral contexts, such as the World Council of Churches.

The ACC Ecumenical Officer may be contacted through the ACC office (details above)

Continuing Indaba Project

A project focusing on developing the relational bonds of affection in the Anglican Communion. Its aim is to make real a common bond of working in mission as equal partners in the Gospel.

Mission

The Mission Department exists to serve the Anglican Communion as it seeks to fulfil God's mission in God's world and add value to the life and ministry of the churches of the Communion. It can only do what otherwise cannot be done by individual churches.

Theological Education

A clear priority of the Archbishop of Canterbury is the support of theological education and excellence in the churches of the Anglican World. Led by theologian Clare Amos at the ACO, various programmes have been created to help sustain educational institutions and supply them with materials needed for study and reflection.

Anglican Networks Office

The Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue appoints representatives to the various networks it is associated with. With the advancement of electronic communication many of these networks converse through email groups/forums thus greatly reducing costs and increasing interaction. The official Networks of the Anglican Communion, coordinated from the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) office in London, draws together Anglicans involved in particular aspects of mission and ministry. The Church of Ireland is represented on the following committees.

International Anglican Women's Network (IAWN)

Canon Doris Clements

www.iawn.anglicancommunion.org

International Anglican Family Network (IAFN)

Mrs Roberta McKelvey

www.iafn.anglicancommunion.org

International Anglican Youth Network (IAYN)

Mr David Brown

www.iayn.anglicancommunion.org

Anglican Health Network

Revd Daniel Nuzum & Ms Lydia Monds

www.anglicanhealth.org

Anglican Communion Safe Church Network www.safechurch.anglicancommunion.org	<i>Vacant</i>
Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion www.cuac.anglicancommunion.org	<i>Vacant</i>
Anglican Theological Education Network www.anglicancommunion.org/ministry/theological/teac/index.cfm	Revd Dr Maurice Elliott
Anglican Peace and Justice Network (APJN) www.apjn.anglicancommunion.org	Rt Revd Trevor Williams
Anglican Refugee and Migrant Network (ARMN) www.armn.anglicancommunion.org	Mr Philip McKinley
Anglican Communion Environmental Network (ACEN) www.acen.anglicancommunion.org	Revd Andrew Orr



**NETWORK FOR INTER-FAITH CONCERNS
(NIFCON)**

Most Revd Michael Jackson
<http://nifcon.anglicancommunion.org/index.cfm>

NIFCON links those in different provinces with a particular concern for inter faith relations, and coordinates news and resources in this area.

4 NATIONS FAITH & ORDER REFERENCE GROUP

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Following the recent re-structuring of CTBI, Faith and Order concerns now play an increasingly pivotal role. The Trustees approved the creation of a Four Nations Faith and Order Reference Group which will be key in taking forward this work. The Reference Group will:

- be a forum of discussion on key theological issues relating to ecumenism.
- monitor Faith and Order developments in the World Council of Churches, the Conference of European Churches and the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity.
- monitor the agendas of the CTBI Networks and Forums (including Mission Theology Advisory Group), identifying areas that might have a Faith and Order implication.
- closely monitor bi-lateral dialogues within the churches of the four nations.
- arrange a four nations Faith and Order Consultation/Conference when appropriate.
- keep up to date with the Faith and Order priorities of the CTBI member churches.
- keep in close touch with the National Ecumenical Instruments and any Faith and Order work they might be undertaking.



THE CHURCH OF IRELAND/METHODIST CHURCH IN IRELAND COVENANT COUNCIL

Date of foundation: 2002

Total membership: 2

Church of Ireland relationship: Member since 2002

Church of Ireland contribution (2012): €1,575

Church of Ireland Representatives: Most Revd Richard Clarke (Co-Chair)

Ms Elva Byrne; Very Revd Nigel Dunne; Revd Dr Maurice Elliott; Revd Canon Virginia Kennerley; Revd Peter Thompson; Revd Barry Forde (Secretary)

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Website: www.covenantcouncil.org

The Church of Ireland/Methodist Covenant Council continues to work towards greater unity between the Church of Ireland and the Methodist Church in Ireland by working out the promises both our traditions made to each other in the Covenant signed in September 2002

The Council is fully committed, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to seeking an organic unity (including the full recognition of each others' orders), so that it may together fulfil Christ's call to proclaim his gospel in this part of his world.

The website is designed to provide information for those who wish to know about the progress made thus far, as an aid to Church of Ireland and Methodist congregations engaging with each other, and as an information centre for the Covenant Facilitators based throughout the island.

ANGLICAN – LUTHERAN INTERNATIONAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Date of foundation: The Committee's first meeting is to be held in September 2013.

The Committee is appointed for three years and will finish its work in 2016.

Total membership: Anglican Communion and the Lutheran World Federation, and hence all Churches they represent.

Church of Ireland relationship: Member since foundation.

Church of Ireland contribution (2012): Nil

Church of Ireland Representative: Revd Canon Helene Tarneberg Steed

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Mandate

- Acting as a catalyst for the development of Lutheran and Anglican relations, and in particular for agreements of communion where these do not yet exist.
- Monitoring and encouraging the growth of life and mission where there is full Communion.
- Coordinating Anglican–Lutheran collaboration in the observance of the 2017 Reformation anniversary.

Furthermore, the Coordination Committee will:

- Seek theological consultation where and when this is needed. This might concern:
 - i. Continuing questions of transitivity; and
 - ii. Examining confirmation practices, with a particular emphasis on preparation for lives of faithful diakonia.
 - iii. Continuing reflection on diakonia
 - iv. Cooperation among institutions of theological education and formation (*as noted above*)
 - v. Consultation on the continuing significance of deaconesses, a shared gift in our two communions.
- Continue to monitor and advise upon the development of Anglican–Lutheran relations around the world, giving attention to their consistency with each other and with the self-understanding of the two communions, give attention to the impact of different ecumenical methodologies and to clarify questions of transitivity (i.e., the consequences that an agreement reached in one ecumenical relationship may be seen to have for other relationships).
- Invite other ecumenical partners as appropriate to join in their work.



PORVOO

Date of foundation: 1992

Total membership: 13 churches

Church of Ireland relationship: Member since 1992

Church of Ireland contribution (2012): €891

Church of Ireland Representative: Revd Canon Helene Tarneberg Steed

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Website: www.porvoochurches.org

The Porvoo Communion of Churches continues to strengthen contacts and understanding between member Churches. The Porvoo Communion has no paid staff, centralised secretariat, or headquarters. Member Churches provide co-secretaries and co-chairs on a rotational basis and membership of the Communion is expressed in participation in the activities which it organises.

Porvoo began as an agreement between, broadly speaking, national churches, but is now in the process of expanding to consider the incorporation of other types of Christian traditions.

At present the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Great Britain, the Evangelical Latvian Lutheran Church Overseas, and the Evangelical Lutheran Latvian Church all have observer status, with a view to signing the Porvoo Common Statement and becoming full members. The Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland has also made an inquiry about observer status and this is being considered by the Porvoo Contact Group.

ECUMENICAL LINKS



**CHURCHES IN IRELAND CONNECTING IN CHRIST
THE IRISH COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (ICC)**

Date of foundation: 1923

Total membership: 14 churches

Church of Ireland relationship: Member since 1922

Church of Ireland contribution (2012): €23,736

Offices: Inter-Church Centre, 48 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast BT9 6AZ.

Tel: 028 9066 3145, info@irishchurches.org

Website: www.irishchurches.org

The Irish Council of Churches was founded in 1923 in the aftermath of the Civil War and is the formal national body through which member Churches formally engage, dialogue and act on a wide variety of issues. It was established by its member Churches and is funded by them.

The Council Executive meets four times a year and is made up of Church general secretaries and other nominated representatives from across the range of Protestant, Orthodox, Reformed and Independent Church traditions.

The President is the public representative of the Council. The current President is Revd Fr Godfrey O'Donnell, chair of the Orthodox Network of Churches and the incoming president in 2014 is the Revd Dr Donald Watts, Clerk of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The immediate past President is the Most Revd Richard Clarke, Church of Ireland Primate of All Ireland. Presidents are elected on a rotation basis and serve for two years.

The present day membership reflects the changing landscape of Christianity across Protestant, Orthodox, Reformed, Catholic, Independent and Migrant-led churches. Its newest Member, the Redeemed Christian Church of God is the largest migrant-led Church in Ireland with over 15,000 members throughout Ireland and the latest Census lists over 45,000 Orthodox adherents. When added to the membership of the longer established traditions, the Irish Council of Churches now encompasses the vast majority of Christians within Ireland.

Two key working groups operate under the mantle of the Irish Council of Churches; Women's Link, which since 1992 has brought together representatives of women's organisations in the churches and the Board of Overseas Affairs, which explores overseas issues, World Mission and Christian Aid.

The member Churches are:

- The Church of Ireland
- The Antiochian Orthodox Church
- The Greek Orthodox Church in Britain and Ireland
- The LifeLink Network of Churches
- The Lutheran Church in Ireland
- The Methodist Church in Ireland
- The Moravian Church (Irish District)
- The Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church of Ireland
- The Presbyterian Church in Ireland
- The Religious Society of Friends
- The Rock of Ages Cherubim and Seraphim Church
- The Romanian Orthodox Church in Ireland
- The Russian Orthodox Church in Ireland
- The Salvation Army (Ireland Division)



**CHURCHES IN IRELAND CONNECTING IN CHRIST
THE IRISH INTER-CHURCH MEETING (IICM)**

Date of foundation: 1973

Total membership: 15 Churches

Church of Ireland relationship: Member since 1973

Church of Ireland contribution (2012): €13,163

Offices: Inter-Church Centre, 48 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast BT9 6AZ.

Tel: 028 9066 3145, info@irishchurches.org

Website: www.irishchurches.org

In 1973 in the midst of the Troubles the Council began historic talks in Ballymascanlon with the Catholic Church which over the course of time became formalised as the Irish Inter Church Meeting. The meeting is coordinated by a committee which also meets four times a year. This Inter Church Committee is formed from the leadership of the Churches made up of 50/50 representation from the Irish Bishops Conference and the Council. It is co-chaired by Cardinal Sean Brady and the President of the Irish Council of Churches.

Two Forums serve the Irish Inter-Church Committee; the *Theology Forum* and the *Church in Society Forum*. *Eco-Congregation Ireland* is a project of the Church in Society Forum.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND (CTBI)

Date of foundation: 1990

Total membership: 32 churches & federations of churches.

Church of Ireland relationship: Member since 1990

Church of Ireland contribution (2012): €12,253

Offices: 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1 VIBX.

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Website: www.ctbi.org.uk

Although formed only as recently as 1990, the CTBI is the legal successor to the former British Council of Churches (BCC) which came into being in 1942. The BCC was very similar to the ICC in make-up and style of working. The CTBI, which includes Roman Catholic participation, is intended more as an enabler and co-ordinator of common action among the churches themselves, although it also carries out work on behalf of the churches. There is a bi-annual **Assembly** which brings together approximately 300 officially appointed people and is organised on a thematic basis; this is intended to act as a catalyst for ecumenical life across these islands. CCBI also has a twice-yearly **Church Representatives' Meeting** of some 60 church and ecumenical leaders in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. This is a particularly valuable point of contact, communication and common decision-making. The Council is co-ordinated and managed by a **Steering Committee**. CCBI has a variety of areas of work: **Church Life, Public Affairs, Intentional Affairs, Youth, the Community of Women and Men in the Church, and Publications**. The Council also has three specialist Commissions – on **Mission, Racial Justice and Inter-Faith Relations**.

World Development and other Agencies act for the churches and there are formal and informal networks bringing together those in the churches with the same area of responsibility. Voluntary ecumenical groupings are linked with the Council as Bodies in Association. CTBI is uniquely placed to bring together the varied resources and talents in the churches of Britain and Ireland.

Many issues facing the church benefit from a unified approach. Churches Together in Britain and Ireland works with member churches to co-ordinate responses, share resources and learn from each other's experiences. There are currently fourteen main work areas; however, a major review of all the networks is about to begin which may lead to significant changes in late 2013/early 2014.

The Churches Inter-religious Network www.ctbi.org.uk/CD/16	<i>Vacant</i>
The Churches Racial Justice Network www.ctbi.org.uk/CB/14	<i>Vacant</i>
Action on Asylum & Refugees www.ctbi.org.uk/CH/37	<i>Vacant</i>
Environmental & Climate Change www.ctbi.org.uk/CJ/10	<i>Vacant</i>
Culture, Identity and the Public Square www.ctbi.org.uk/CK/11	<i>Vacant</i>
Migration and Movements of People www.ctbi.org.uk/CL/12	<i>Vacant</i>
The Global Mission Network www.ctbi.org.uk/CA/13	Revd Paul Hoey
The Churches International Student Network www.ctbi.org.uk/CC/15	Revd Darren McCallig

Church and Public Issues	Mr Trevor Morrow
www.ctbi.org.uk/CF/18	
Joint Liturgical Group	<i>Vacant</i>
www.ctbi.org.uk/182	
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Group	<i>Vacant</i>
www.ctbi.org.uk/CGL/607	
Faith & Order Reference Group	Most Revd Michael Jackson
www.ctbi.org.uk/CG/19	
China Desk	Most Revd Michael Jackson
www.ctbi.org.uk/153	
Consultative Group On Ministry Among Children	Revd Anne Taylor
www.ctbi.org.uk/201	



THE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN CHURCHES (CEC)

Date of foundation: 1959

Total membership: 118 churches

Church of Ireland relationship: Member since 1959

Church of Ireland contribution (2012): €3,000

Church of Ireland Representative: Dr Kenneth Milne

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Website: www.ceceurope.org

CEC is an ecumenical organisation of the main Christian traditions of Europe except the Roman Catholic. Significantly, it brings together churches of both East and West the various branches of the Reformation and the Orthodox Churches. Since its beginnings at the height of the “cold war”, CEC has seen its task as being a bridge builder between the churches in all parts of Europe. **CEC’s Assembly**, which meets every five or six years, is its official governing body but between such meetings the work is overseen by a **Central Committee** of 35 people. Over the years, CEC has faced a number of situations peculiar to Europe and has been particularly concerned with refugees and with the special problems of certain minority/majority situations. CEC has an on-going theological study programme. 40% of CEC’s member churches are in central and eastern Europe where there are enormous economic problems.

CEC works closely with the Roman Catholic Council of European Bishops’ Conferences. There is also close co-operation with the World Council of Churches; both CEC’s and the WCC’s headquarters are in the same building in Geneva.

CHURCH ACTION ON LABOUR AND LIFE (CALL)

An Ecumenical Initiative to Promote Social Europe

Dr Kenneth Milne

<http://www.ceceurope.org/cec-newsletters/call-church-action-on-labour-and-life/>



World Council of Churches

THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (WCC)

Date of foundation: 1948

Total membership: 332 churches

Church of Ireland relationship: Member since 1948

Church of Ireland contribution (2012): €8,577

Church of Ireland Representative: Rt Revd Alan Abernethy

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The WCC promotes world-wide Christian unity. It does so through its programmes of sharing, support and advocacy, through its studies and publications, and through its assemblies and conferences where a rich diversity of Christians gather and where common worship, prayer and Bible study form the spiritual environment for consultation on critical contemporary issues in church and society at large. The WCC carries out its collaborative mission through the local actions of its member churches in 100 countries. It responds to appeals for action and information from its members and other interested organisations, and it responds to natural disasters and unexpected crisis through acts of service.

The work of the WCC, between its 7-yearly assemblies, is overseen by its **Central and Executive Committees** and is carried out by a General Secretariat and **four Units**:

- I Unity & Renewal;
- II Mission: health, education and witness;
- III Justice, Peace and Creation;
- IV Sharing and Service.

The goal of the WCC is not to build a global “super-church”, nor to standardise styles of worship, but rather to deepen the communion of Christian churches and communities. In all that the WCC does it seeks to bear testimony to its foundational declaration that the Lord Jesus Christ is “God and Saviour according to the Scriptures”.



GEKE - CPCE - CEPE

COMMUNITY OF PROTESTANT CHURCHES IN EUROPE (CPCE)

Date of foundation: 1973

Total membership: 105 churches

Church of Ireland relationship: Began conversations in 2012

Church of Ireland contribution (2012): Nil

Church of Ireland Representative: Most Revd Michael Jackson

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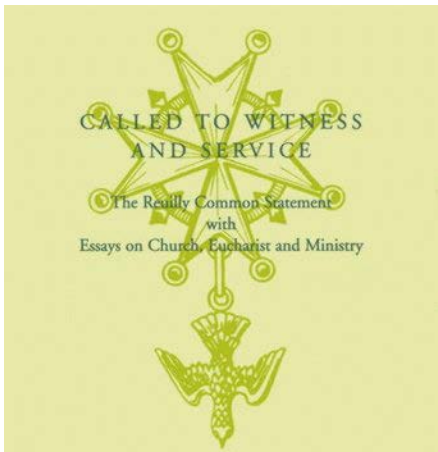
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Website: www.leuenberg.net

The CPCE is the umbrella organisation of the protestant churches. 105 Lutheran, Methodist, reformed and united churches from over thirty countries in Europe and South America belong to it. With that the CPCE represents altogether around 50 million Protestants.

The CPCE exists thanks to the Leuenberg Agreement of 1973. It concluded: churches are allowed to be different because they appeal to the Gospel as their common basis. That sounds simple, but has far-reaching consequences: since then a Lutheran minister can preach from a reformed pulpit or a French minister lead a congregation in Germany.

The CPCE (till 2003 “Leuenberg Church Fellowship”) has a clear structure. About every six years a General Assembly decides on the basic lines of its work. Between the General Assemblies the 13-member Council, headed by a 3-member Presidium, guides the work, which is coordinated by the office in Vienna. External posts exist in Brussels (Ethics and Politics) and Berne (Publicity).



REUILLY

Date of foundation: 1999

Total membership: 8 churches

Church of Ireland relationship: Member since 1999

Church of Ireland contribution (2012): €400

Church of Ireland Representative (The Church of Ireland, the Church in Wales and the Scottish Episcopal Church take it in turn to attend the meetings): Very Revd Alex Gordon

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The Reilly Common Statement is an agreement, entered into in 1999, between the British and Irish Anglican Churches and the French Lutheran and Reformed Churches. Initial discussions took place throughout the 1990s which the Church of Ireland participated. The participants acknowledge one another's churches, and look forward to a fuller visible unity that makes possible the inter-changeability of ministers.

Reilly is a further important stage in the process of building the unity of Christ's church. Each new stage towards this end involves a change in relationships and the building of new and distinctive ways of being together in Christ. Reilly makes a major contribution to our clarification of the stages of mutual 'recognition' and 'reconciliation' of ministries on the way to unity, and how these stages are differently perceived in Anglicanism on the one hand and the Reformed and Lutheran traditions on the other. The process of clarification goes on in theological dialogues as the work of building the Kingdom together is enhanced by this new agreement and commitment between the churches.

THE MEISSEN COMMON STATEMENT

Date of foundation: 1991

Total membership: 2 churches, (with one observer from the Celtic Anglican churches in rotation)

Church of Ireland relationship: Church of Ireland observer relationship (in conjunction with the Church in Wales and the Scottish Episcopal Church) since foundation

Church of Ireland contribution (2012): Nil

Church of Ireland Representative: A representative from the Church in Wales currently represents the Church of Ireland

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Website: www.churchofengland.org/media/36079/meisseninfo.rtf

The Meissen Common Statement is a 1992 agreement between the Church of England and the Evangelische Kirche Deutschland (EKD) which encourages co-operation and exchanges, but which falls short of full inter-changeability of ministers. The Church of Ireland is represented at meetings of the Commission through a representative of the Celtic churches appointed on a 5 yearly, rotating basis.

The Common Statement, and additional resources providing background information, can be downloaded from the Ecumenical Background sub-section of the Church of England website (<http://www.churchofengland.org/about-us/work-other-churches/ccu.aspx>).



THE FETTER LANE DECLARATION

Date of foundation: 1996

Total membership: 2 churches

Church of Ireland relationship: Observer

Church of Ireland contribution (2012): Nil

Church of Ireland Representative: Rt Revd Michael Burrows

Contact: Rt Revd Michael Burrows, Bishop's House, Troysgate, Kilkenny.

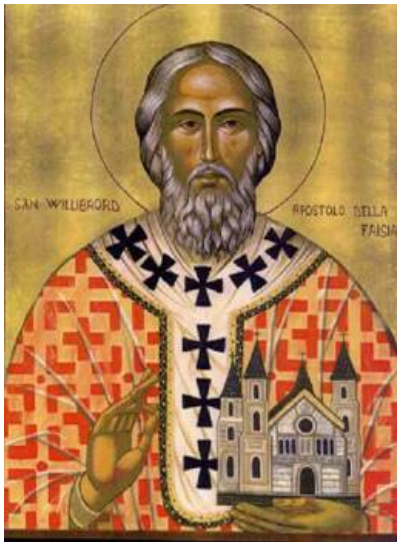
Tel. 056 778 6633 / cashelossorybishop@eircom.net

Website: www.churchofengland.org/about-us/work-other-churches/england/moravian/fetterlane.aspx

The Fetter Lane agreement dates from 1996 and is between the Church of England and the Moravian Church in Great Britain and Ireland. It has not brought about any cost-bearing structure

It set out for the first time the extensive agreement between these two historic episcopal churches which had long been close ecumenical partners. It also identified the areas needing further discussion to achieve visible unity and recommended immediate practical steps towards that goal.

The Church of Ireland is formally aligned with the Fetter Lane agreement and more recently (2012) has itself opened direct discussions with the Moravian Church on the possibility of achieving full communion, taking as a guideline the document 'Finding our delight in the Lord' which has now been instrumental in bringing about full communion between Anglicans and Moravians in the US



THE ANGLICAN & OLD CATHOLIC SOCIETY OF SAINT WILLIBRORD

Date of foundation: 1931

Total membership: The Anglican and Old Catholic churches

Church of Ireland relationship: Full member

Church of Ireland contribution (2012): Nil

Church of Ireland Contact: Rt Revd Michael Burrows

Contact: Rt Revd Michael Burrows, Bishop's House, Troysgate, Kilkenny.

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Website: www.willibrord.org

The Society of St Willibrord is a group of individuals which works to develop relationships and support joint initiatives involving the Anglican Churches of these islands and the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht, with which we have been in full communion since the Bonn agreement of 1931. The relationship with the Old Catholics is more formally co-ordinated through a council the Anglican members of which are appointed through the offices of the Anglican Communion and the archbishop of Canterbury. The relationship is essentially cost neutral as regards the Church of Ireland. In 2013 the Rt Revd Michael Burrows was appointed Anglican co-chair of the Anglican / Old Catholic co-ordinating Council.

ANGLICAN & ORTHODOX DIALOGUE

Date of foundation: 1973

Total membership: 2 churches

Church of Ireland relationship: See below

Church of Ireland contribution (2012): Nil

Church of Ireland Representative: This is an international group of which the Most Revd Richard Clarke happen to be a member.

Contact: Most Revd Richard Clarke, Church House, 46 Abbey St, Armagh, BT61 7DZ.

Tel. 028 3752 7144 / archbishop@armagh.anglican.org

Website: www.anglicancommunion.org/ministry/ecumenical/dialogues/orthodox

The International Commission for the Anglican - Orthodox Theological Dialogue Anglican - Orthodox dialogue began in 1973, when the Anglican-Orthodox Joint Doctrinal Discussions (A/OJDD) held its first meeting in Oxford. The first phase of the dialogue was concluded by the publication of The Moscow Agreed Statement in 1976. The publication of The Dublin Agreed Statement in 1984 brought its second phase to a conclusion. Both statements recorded a measure of agreement on a range of specific topics, while acknowledging continuing divergence on others.

The third phase of the dialogue began in 1989, when the commission was re-constituted as The International Commission for Anglican - Orthodox Theological Dialogue (ICAOTD) under the chairmanship of Metropolitan John of Pergamon and Bishop Henry Hill (succeeded in 1990 by Bishop Mark Dyer) and drawing together senior clergy and theologians from across the Eastern Orthodox Churches and the Anglican Communion. Its task has been to consider the doctrine of the Church in the light of the doctrine of the Trinity, and to examine the doctrine of the ordained ministry of the Church. Particular attention has been given to the question of who may be ordained to the presbyterate and episcopate. This third phase of the dialogue has given further consideration to ecclesiological issues discussed in earlier phases, and to aspects of Trinitarian doctrine. The present chairs are Archbishop Roger Herft of Perth (Australia) and Metropolitan Kallistos of Diocleia, Anglican and Orthodox respectively.

OTHER ECUMENICAL WORK IN IRELAND

Most ecumenical life takes place locally. Its expression and quality can differ from area to area, person to person and time to time. The Irish School of Ecumenics, have pioneered in Northern Ireland and the border counties, Inter-Church Fora. The Irish Inter-Church Committee has produced a Directory of local interchurch groups. Some Ecumenical bodies are worth mentioning.

JOINT YOUTH WORK

The Church Youth Welfare Council was a pioneering effort in open youth work in Northern Ireland by the Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches. In the 1970s the Council was re-constituted as a training and service agency, the Church Youth Service Council.

In 1992 a new inter-Church youth body ***Youth Link: Northern Ireland*** was formed which involves the four largest churches in Northern Ireland, the Religious Society of Friends and the Non Subscribing Presbyterian Church.

INTER-CHURCH MARRIAGES

There are dedicated resources and services available for interchurch marriage, such as organisations like the Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association, Association of Interchurch Families and EMBRACE (Interchurch Marriage Preparation Course). Resources are also available from most Church's Marriage Preparation services, such as Accord and the Church of Ireland Marriage Council.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

An Irish Order of Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is produced by a Committee set up the Irish Inter-Church Meeting.

The Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin, is located in Dublin and Belfast. It is committed to the study and promotion of dialogue, peace and reconciliation in Ireland and around the world. It is recognised for its interdisciplinary approach to taught programmes and research, drawing on the fields of politics, sociology, ethics, theology and religion. Please use the website to find detailed information about our taught programs, research, and up-to-date news and events. The Irish School of Ecumenics is an international academic institute, which exists to promote through research, teaching and extra-mural activities the unity of Christians, dialogue between religions and work for peace and justice in Ireland and abroad. Its resources are available to churches and other appropriate bodies committed to unity, dialogue and peace. The General Synod Standing Committee, the Representative Church Body, and the House of Bishops, together, contribute annually to the work of the Irish School of Ecumenics, and a growing number of Church of Ireland clergy and laity have participated in ISE courses on Ecumenics and Peace Studies.

IRISH CHURCHES PEACE PROJECT

The ICPP is an initiative of the island's four largest churches (Catholic, Presbyterian, Anglican and Methodist) and the Irish Council of Churches.

Its aims are:

- to promote sustained and well facilitated cross-community dialogue particularly focusing on the contentious issues that need to be addressed in order to develop good relations and promote reconciliation;
- to support local inter-church/cross-community groups in their development of new grass roots initiatives that will contribute to the lasting peace;
- to facilitate a process by which the main denominations speak more frequently in the public sphere with a united voice on social and political issues, and through that to model positive cross-community cooperation and undermine the vestiges of sectarian politics.

ECUMENICAL COMMUNITIES

Church of Ireland members are involved in many Ecumenical Christian Communities of Reconciliation in Ireland, including the Corrymeela Community in Co. Antrim, Cornerstone Community in Belfast and The Glencree Centre in Co. Wicklow.



CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid Ireland is an aid agency working to overcome poverty in some of the world's poorest communities in around 50 countries. Regardless of race or religion, it helps people to tackle the problems they face and build the life they deserve. At home and overseas it also campaigns to change the structures that keep people poor, challenging inequality and injustice.

Christian Aid Ireland is the official aid and international development agency of seven churches in Ireland. It is also part of ACT International (Action by Churches Together), the worldwide ecumenical network for emergency relief.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This is a worldwide movement of Christian women, who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. It is the largest ecumenical movement in the world organised and led by women, Christian women in a different country each year are chosen to write the service which is translated into over 1,000 languages. There are 99 branches in Northern Ireland and 170 branches in the Republic. In recent years a name change has opened the event to both women and men.

MISCELLANEOUS CONTACTS



Christian Churches in Ireland

Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland - www.baptistsinireland.org

Elim Pentecostal Church in Ireland – www.elimireland.org

Evangelical Alliance Ireland – www.evangelical.ie

Evangelical Alliance Northern Ireland - www.eauk.org/northern-ireland

The Antiochian Orthodox Church - www.antiochian-orthodox.co.uk

The Greek Orthodox Church in Britain and Ireland - www.thyateira.org.uk

The LifeLink Network of Churches - www.irishchurches.org

The Lutheran Church in Ireland - www.lutheran-ireland.org

The Methodist Church in Ireland – www.irishmethodist.org

The Moravian Church in Great Britain & Ireland – www.moravian.org.uk

The Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church of Ireland - www.nspresbyterian.org

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland – www.presbyterianireland.org

The Redeemed Christian Church of God, Ireland – www.rccgireland.org

The Religious Society of Friends – www.quakers-in-ireland.ie

The Rock of Ages Cherubim and Seraphim Church - www.esocs.com

The Roman Catholic Church (Ireland) – www.catholicbishops.ie

The Romanian Orthodox Church in Ireland - www.ircba.ie/romanian-ortodox-church.html

The Russian Orthodox Church in Ireland - www.rocor.org.uk

The Salvation Army (Ireland Division) - www.salvationarmy.org.uk/ire

Trinity Church Network – www.secure.trinity.ie

Vineyard International - www.vineyard.org

Other useful resources

Directory of Migrant-led Churches and Chaplaincies - www.catholicbishops.ie/2009/01/01/directory-of-migrant-led-churches-and-chaplaincies

Churches in Dublin - www.dublinchurches.com

Dublin Council of Churches - www.dublinchurches.ie

Orthodox Communities

At time of going to press the following Orthodox churches are noted as having a presence on the island of Ireland.

For contact information on any of the Orthodox communities based in Ireland please consult with Fr Godfrey O'Donnell (contact details below).

Antiochian Orthodox

Armenian Orthodox

Coptic Orthodox

Ethiopian Orthodox

Greek Orthodox

Georgian Orthodox

Indian Orthodox (Malankara)

Syrian Orthodox (Jacobite)

Romanian Orthodox

Russian Orthodox

Irish Orthodox Leader's meeting - Fr. Godfrey O'Donnell
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INTER-FAITH LINKS

NIFCON

See Page 7.

OTHER INTER-FAITH WORK IN IRELAND

Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum – www.niinterfaithforum.org

Dublin City Inter-Faith Forum – www.dublincityinterfaithforum.org

Mid-West Inter-Faith Network – www.midwestinterfaith.org

Office of an Taoiseach - Inter Faith working group – Sinead Sullivan, Office of the Secretary General - eu@taoiseach.gov.ie / 01 619 4417



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www.ireland.anglican.org/news/ccud