

GENERAL SYNOD 2016

Report of the Commission on Christian Unity and Dialogue Seconder: The Revd Canon Niall Sloane

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Your Grace/Bishop

As Mr Harper has outlined it has been another busy year for CCUD and I would like to highlight some of these.

The first deals with personnel:

Last year Dr Kenneth Milne stood down as Honorary Secretary of CCUD, thankfully he has agreed to continue to serve on the Commission. As you are aware, Dr Milne has contributed to numerous areas of life within the Church of Ireland and as Honorary Secretary of CCUD for over 8 years he has been a source of wisdom, insight and common-sense. I wish to put on record out deepest thanks for his continued service.

We note with sadness the departure of Mr Mervyn McCullagh, outgoing Executive Officer of the Irish Council of Churches. As a founding member and key partner in the ICC, I think the Church of Ireland would wish to thank Mr McCullagh for his contribution to the ICC and wish him well in his new role with the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka. We welcome the appointment of Dr Nicola Brady to the position of General Secretary and wish her well in her new role.

We also are delighted to report the election of the Bishop of Clogher as President of the ICC for the period 2016-2018.

Internally, CCUD has in recent times become acutely aware that the current structures of its make-up are no longer fit for purpose, having serviced the Commission well for many years. With this in mind I, along with the Bishops of Tuam and Clogher, have put forward a proposal for how the membership of CCUD might look in 2016 and beyond. I will shortly bring two motions to this Synod to deal with this matter.

Your Grace/Bishop, I am happy to second the General Synod Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue report.