

# GENERAL SYNOD 2016

## Motion on Christian Unity and Dialogue Membership

Proposer: The Revd Canon Niall Sloane

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Your Grace/Bishop

The Commission for Christian Unity & Dialogue has a history going back well over 100 years. In 1905 the Home Reunion Committee was established (a precursor to the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue). From the records there seems to have been a membership of between 20 and 32 people.

At present, the Commission makes provision for 32 members – 12 bishops (ex-officio) and 20 ordinary members). This arrangement has served the Church well for over 100 years.

The Commission now recognises that a reorganisation of the structure is required to reflect changes in our relationship with Church and other Faith bodies. The Commission also seeks to utilise the rich variety of gifts within the body of the Church in having the ability to co-opt people annually who have expertise in a particular field.

The following is therefore suggested:

- 1) The main body to consist of 20 members
- 2) The House of Bishops to nominate 4 bishops – one to act as chair
- 3) The Honorary Secretaries of General Synod to nominate one of their own to the main body
- 4) The ACC (2) and WCC (1) representatives and the Porvoo Contact Group Person (1) to be automatically members of the group
- 5) Remaining members to be nominated (by this group) for ratification by Standing Committee
- 6) An Hon Secretary and Hon Records Secretary shall be included in the 11 remaining members

Your Grace/Bishop, I have pleasure in proposing this motion.