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Dear Gregory

In your letter to me of 4 September you raised the question of whether, if the Commission had time, it might be able to make a submission to the Covenant Design group about the draft covenant. You will appreciate that the Commission was hard pressed to complete its report and this left little time to attend to other matters. However we did respond to the IASCER paper on 'Bishops and Communion' and finalised our text of that document. Could you please pass on to IASCER our appreciation for their comments.

Some of us also had an opportunity to reflect upon the Draft Covenant. As a result of this I indicated to the Commission that I would convey to you some brief responses to the document. The discussion raised the following points, more as questions for the Covenant Design Group:

1. If the bible passages are to be used, can they be deployed in a manner which links them more closely to the text of the Covenant?
2. There may be value in revisiting main and sub headings along the lines suggested by Dr Bruce Kaye in his submission to the Covenant Design Group.
3. How does the Covenant Design Group understand the relationship in the Draft between what may be termed a 'baptismal ecclesiology' and a stronger institutional juridical ecclesiology?
4. Specifically in relation to 6.6 which protocols and procedures for following through with this proposal are envisaged?

The above points were as far as the Commission felt it could usefully respond at this stage of proceedings and in the light of the central task before the Commission.

Regarding the inclusions in our Report the Commission feel it is essential to include two appendices; one including the questions and propositions of the Commission and another in respect to the Bishops and Communion document. This latter will be especially useful as an inclusion with Lambeth and future study in mind.

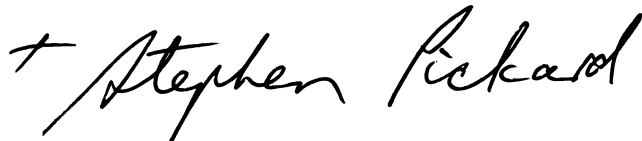
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Thank you for your pre-meeting assistance. It was really appreciated. The Commission feel the way forward is for the final draft to be circulated to all members of the Commission with an invitation for comments to Philip Thomas. He and I will confer, and perhaps also consult with one or two other members of the Commission. I will ask Bishop Stephen Sykes if he would be able to write a foreword for our report. I will then take responsibility for a final edit of the report which will be circulated to members of the Commission. As regards the 'signing off' of the document we will follow the suggestion you made in your letter, namely to make a list either at the beginning or end of the report of all members of the Commission past and present, giving the dates of the Commission meetings which they attended. I envisage that this process will be complete by the end of October. I understand that I would then arrange for the report to be sent to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Commission would be very keen for the report including the Bishops and Communion paper to be the subject of workshops at Lambeth. Indeed the report is structured for an educational setting as well as more familiar academic reading. I would be very happy to receive advice from you as to how I or other members of the Commission may assist in this process.

With every good wish

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Pickard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross-like mark at the beginning.

Stephen Pickard
Acting Chair IATDC
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