The Anglican–Oriental Orthodox International Commission held its sixth meeting from the 23 to the 28 October 2017 at the Deanery of St Patrick’s Cathedral, Dublin, Republic of Ireland.

The Commission greatly appreciated the welcome to the Church of Ireland by the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin, who is a member of the Commission. The Commission is deeply grateful for the kindness and hospitality offered by the Very Revd William Morton, Dean of St Patrick’s Cathedral, together with his staff, the staff of the Church House Dublin and the Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough.

The Commission drew its previous agreed statements on the Procession of the Holy Spirit (2015) and on the Sending of the Holy Spirit in Time (2016) into its final form, and into a single document. The final text, *The Procession and Work of the Holy Spirit*, is released with this Communiqué and will be launched as a publication at the next meeting of the Commission.

The Commission began its new work on Authority in the Church, with reflections on papers prepared by both Anglican and Oriental Orthodox members on topics that included the Number of Ecumenical Councils, the Interpretation of the Council of Chalcedon, the Meaning of the Anathemas of Ecumenical Councils, and the Authority of Scripture and Tradition.

The Commission discussed the present situation of Christians in the Middle East, and heard reports of the difficulties facing Christians, particularly in Iraq, Syria and Egypt, and the challenges between the churches in South India.

Members of the Commission continue to pray for the Middle East, for the victims of war, for refugees, and for all hostages. We also continue to pray for our fellow Christians, and especially the two bishops of Aleppo abducted in April 2013: Metropolitan Mor Gregorios Youhanna Ibrahim of the Syriac Orthodox Church, and Metropolitan Boulos Yazigi of the Greek Orthodox Church of Antioch.

The Commission mourned the death of its former Anglican Co-Chair, the Rt Revd Dr Geoffrey Rowell, and gave thanks for his contribution to Anglican–Oriental Orthodox relations, and in particular for his leadership of this Commission.

The Commission began its meeting by attending Choral Mattins at St Patrick’s Cathedral.

The Commission was welcomed to Dublin in a civic reception at the Mansion House, the official residence of the Lord Mayor of Dublin, attended by diplomats and representative leaders of different faith communities in Dublin, as well as ecumenical leaders and members of the Church of Ireland.

The Commission visited the Chester Beatty Library, where a special exhibit of historic manuscripts representative of the Oriental Orthodox family of churches was prepared.

The Commission attended Vespers in the Coptic tradition at the recently consecrated parish church of
St Maximus and St Domatius, Drumcondra, where it was welcomed by Coptic clergy and faithful from different parts of Ireland.

The Commission attended Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral on 26 October. Before the service the members united in prayer at the memorial to the martyrs of the Armenian Genocide. In the course of the service the Agreed Statement on *The Procession and Work of the Holy Spirit* was formally signed by the two Co-Chairs, His Eminence Metropolitan Bishoy and Bishop Gregory Cameron.

At the conclusion of its meeting, the work of the Commission was honoured at a celebration at the University Club, Dublin.

The seventh meeting of the Commission will take place in Lebanon, 23–27 October 2018, hosted by the Syrian Orthodox Church.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Commission thanks the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the mutual understanding and friendship that was experienced and shared, and looks forward to continuing its work.

**Present at the meeting in Dublin 2017**

**Anglicans**

- The Rt Revd Gregory K Cameron (Church in Wales, Co-Chair)
- The Revd Canon Dr John Gibaut (Anglican Communion Office, Co-Secretary)
- The Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson (Church of Ireland)
- The Rt Revd Dr Samy Shehata (Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East)
- The Ven Dr Edward Simonton OGS (Anglican Church of Canada)
- The Revd Stephen Stavrou (Church of England)
- The Revd Canon Dr William Taylor (Church of England)
- The Revd Canon Dr Patrick Thomas (Church in Wales)
- The Revd Neil Vigers (Anglican Communion Office, Staff)

**Oriental Orthodox**

*Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria*

- His Eminence Metropolitan Bishoy (Egypt, Co-Chair)
- His Grace Bishop Angaelos (England)

*Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch*

- His Eminence Metropolitan Polycarpus Augin Aydin (The Netherlands)
- The Very Revd Fr Dr Roger Akhrass (Syria, Acting Co-Secretary)

*Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church –Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin*

- His Grace, Bishop Hovakim Manukyan (United Kingdom and Ireland)

*Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church*

- The Revd Fr Kaletsadike M. Argaw (Ethiopia)

*Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church*

- The Revd Fr Dr KM George (India)