



ANGLICAN - REFORMED INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION

Resolution

Resolution 15.15: Anglican-Reformed Relations

recommends the establishment of a dialogue with the World Communion of Reformed Churches, according to the Schema prepared at the exploratory talks.

Note In June 2011, exploratory talks were held between the Anglican Communion and the World Communion of Reformed Churches, with a view to re-establishing a dialogue between them. There has not been a formal dialogue since the publication in 1984 of God's Reign and our Unity, a report which has been influential, despite never having been received officially. These talks were very positive and a proposed Schema has been approved by IASCUFO.

The Schema proposes that the following topics be addressed:

- The Nature of Communion
- The History between us
- Mapping of existing relationships
- Identifying ultimate and proximate goals
- The range of missiological challenges facing the two Communion
- Patterns of worship which shape the Communion
- Sources of authority and how to discern the work of the Spirit over the ages and in the present time
- How the traditions build bridges in terms of continuity and discontinuity, embody episcopate and transmit ministerial authority and oversight
- Mutual recognition of churches and reconciliation of ordained ministries
- Promoting reception of the fruits of this dialogue broadly in the Communion

A recommendation to establish the talks is being sought from ACC-15 now and will also be sought from the Executive Committee of the WCRC. Due to the reorganisation of the Reformed Communion this work is likely not to begin immediately, but is hoped that it will start before ACC-16.