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The Anglican Old Catholic International Co-ordinating Council

Kilkenny, Ireland 2014-Communiqué

30 August 2014

The Anglican-Old Catholic International Co-ordinating Council (AOCICC) met in Kilkenny, Ireland, from 27 to 30 August 2014.

This was the second meeting of the Council in its present round. Major tasks of this meeting included:

- Editing of a booklet which introduces AOCICC's 2011 paper on Ecclesiology and Mission (Belonging Together in Europe) for the faithful of both communions;
- Consideration of how to develop further concrete proposals for the common mission of the Anglican and Old Catholic Churches on the European continent;
- Updating each other about developments within each Communion, including plans for the upcoming International Old Catholic Congress which will mark the 125th anniversary of the Union of Utrecht of the Old Catholic Churches;
- Briefing each other about developments in the bilateral ecumenical relationships in which each Communion is engaged.

A special session of the Council was devoted to engaging with representatives of European institutions in Ireland, to understand better the possibilities for engagement and witness in Europe; particularly how to take advantage of the opportunities for consultation afforded the Churches under the EU treaties.

The Council prayed and studied the Bible daily and, having visited the St Willibrord exhibition in Carlow, celebrated the Eucharist at Leighlin Cathedral together with members of the Church of Ireland.

The Council is grateful to the Diocese of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory for its hospitality, the Dean and parishioners of Leighlin, and especially to Bishop Michael Burrows and his family, who welcomed the Council into their home for the meeting.

The Council wishes to record its gratitude to Canon Dr Alyson Barnett-Cowan for her distinguished contribution to its work over the last five years, and assures her of its prayers for the future.

The Council will meet again in Zurich, Switzerland 26–30 May 2015.

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Present at the meeting:

ANGLICANS

The Rt Revd Michael Burrows, Co-chair

The Revd Jennifer Adams-Massman

The Rt Revd David Hamid

Mrs Jennifer Knudsen

Canon Dr Alyson Barnett-Cowan, Co-secretary

Mr Neil Vigers, Anglican Communion Office

OLD CATHOLICS

The Rt Revd Dr Dirk Jan Schoon, Co-chair

The Revd Professor Dr Angela Berlis

The Revd Professor Dr David R Holeton

The Revd Dr Heinz Lederleitner

The Revd Lars Simpson, Co-Secretary