

Mission and Ministry in Covenant: Church in Wales and Scottish Episcopal Church

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Resolutions	42/1. The Council receives the report. 42/2. The Council directs that an invitation be issued to the Church in Wales and the Scottish Episcopal Church as set out in the report. 42/3. The Council directs the Faith and Order Committee to explore interchangeability of ministry with the Church in Wales and the Scottish Episcopal Church as part of its work on <i>Mission and Ministry in Covenant</i> and to report on progress to the Council in April 2020.

Summary of Content

Subject and Aims	To request that the Council considers inviting the Scottish Episcopal Church and the Church in Wales to join in the <i>Mission and Ministry in Covenant</i> conversations.
Background Context and Relevant Documents (with function)	Report 33 to the 2018 Conference <i>Mission and Ministry in Covenant</i>

1. As part of the Faith and Order Committee's further work on the proposals in the *Mission and Ministry in Covenant* report, there has been consultation with the Church in Wales and the Scottish Episcopal Church. The Church in Wales and the Scottish Episcopal Church are, respectively, our Anglican partners in Wales and Scotland. It is important to note that the proposals contained within *Mission and Ministry in Covenant*, if agreed by the Conference, will apply across the whole Connexion and therefore as much to Methodist presbyters stationed in Wales and Scotland as to those stationed in England.
2. In the course of these consultations, it has emerged that the Church in Wales and the Scottish Episcopal Church are very interested in the potential of the proposals and would wish to be included in future conversations. The Church in Wales would also wish to explore the proposals in the context of the Covenanted Churches in Wales (the covenant partnership between the Church in Wales, the Methodist Church of Great Britain, the Presbyterian Church of Wales, the United Reformed Church and some covenanted Baptist churches).
3. If they were to be included, they would not seek to change the proposals themselves but to explore how they might be developed for their own ecumenical contexts and relationship with the Methodist Church. In both cases, it is felt that they could work with the timetable as it is currently set out.
4. The Council is therefore asked to issue a formal invitation to the Church in Wales and the Scottish Episcopal Church to participate in the *Mission and Ministry in Covenant* process as it moves forward.
5. The Council is asked to direct the Faith and Order Committee to take this work forward with the Scottish Episcopal Church and the Church in Wales.

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