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### **Porvoo**

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Communion of Churches, Porvoo, Finland, 10.-14.10.2009  
v/Beate Fagerli & Leslie Nathaniel**

**Present:**

***Primates***

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1. The Most Revd Jukka Paarma, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
2. The Most Revd Anders Wejryd, Church of Sweden
3. The Most Revd Karl Sigurbjörnsson, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Iceland
4. The Rt. Revd Olav Skjevesland, Church of Norway

*Baltic*

5. The Most Revd Andres Pöder, Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church
6. The Right Revd Mindaugas Sabutis, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania

*Anglican*

7. The Most Revd Alan Harper OBE, Church of Ireland
8. The Most Revd Dr David Chillingworth, Scottish Episcopal Church
9. The Most Revd Barry Morgan, Church in Wales
10. The Most Revd and Rt. Hon Dr John Sentamu, Church of England

*Observers*

11. The Rt. Revd Peter Skov-Jakobsen, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark
12. The Most Revd Janis Vanags, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia

***Porvoo Contact Group***

1. The Rt. Revd Martin Wharton, Church of England (Co-chair)
2. The Rt. Revd Ragnar Persenius, Church of Sweden (Outgoing Co-chair)
3. Beate Fagerli, Church of Norway (Co-Secretary)
4. The Revd Dr Leslie Nathaniel, Church of England (Co-Secretary)
5. The Revd Steinunn A Björnsdóttir, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Iceland
6. Elspeth Davey, Scottish Episcopal Church
7. The Revd Dr Christopher Meakin, Church of Sweden
8. The Revd Richard Spencer, Church in Wales
9. The Revd John McDowell, Church of Ireland
10. The Revd Rupert Moreton, Diocese in Europe, Church of England
11. The Revd Dr Tomi Karttunen, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
12. The Revd Tauno Teder, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Estonia
13. The Revd Darius Petkunas, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania
14. The Revd Susan Woodcock, Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church
15. The Revd José Jorge Piña Cabral, Igreja Lusitana Católica Apostólica Evangélica Portugal

*Observers*

16. Dr Sandra Gintere, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia
17. The Revd Jan Nilsson, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark

***Apologies***

18. The Rt. Revd Dr Fernando da Luz Soares, Igreja Lusitana Católica Apostólica Evangélica Portugal
19. The Rt. Revd Carlos Lopez Lozano, Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church

**MONDAY OCTOBER 12TH**

**Reception for Primates and PCG members - Porvoo Town Hall**

The visitors were welcomed by the Chair of the City Council, Ms Mikaela Nylander, the Chair of the City Government, Mr Kaj Bärlund and the Mayor of Porvoo, Mr Jukka-Pekka Ujula.

**Dinner**

The Church of Finland hosted dinner for the Primates.

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 13TH**

**The Morning Prayer** was led by the Archbishop of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Finland.

**Introductions**

The Archbishop of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Finland welcomed the Primates to Porvoo. Porvoo is one of the nine dioceses in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland.

All primates briefly introduced themselves.

The Rt. Revd Ragnar Persenius was thanked by Bishop Martin Wharton for his contributions and commitment to the Porvoo Contact Group.

The Most Revd Karl Sigurbjörnsson was also introduced as the new Co-Chair of the Porvoo Contact Group.

The Rt. Revd Ragnar Persenius welcomed the two new Co-Secretaries of the Porvoo Contact Group, The Revd Dr Leslie Nathaniel and Beate Fagerli

**The agenda was approved.**

**General Perspectives on Porvoo**

The Rt. Revd Martin Wharton gave recognition to the good work done by Elspeth Davey and Steinunn A Björnsdóttir as acting Co-Secretaries in the interim period.

He referred to the good work done in the Porvoo Communion. The second consultation on Diaconal Ministry in Oslo was a success. The recommendations to the churches in the consultation report need to be taken seriously by the churches. The tasks in diaconal ministry to be taken forward have been clearly documented.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Porvoo Theological Conference took place in London in 2008, the theme being Ethics and Communion. The conference focused on the ethical dimension of being in communion. It explored how relationships can be maintained when churches diverge on ethical teaching, policy and practice. The papers presented examined the nature of the communion and its Biblical basis, recent developments and current tensions within the two communions (the Anglican Communion and the Lutheran World Federation).

The Interfaith consultation in Edinburgh in December 2008 was represented by seven of the fourteen members of the Porvoo Communion. News was shared from a number of the churches on their activities. The Porvoo Consultation on Interfaith also included people from other faiths.

Many links have been developed in this period with more interchange of people.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark plans to hold a Conference on Migration in December 2009 and there is a proposal to have a Porvoo consultation on marriage as soon as possible. The Church Leaders Consultation is to be held in Sigtuna, Sweden, in March 2010.

The Rt Revd Ragnar Persenius spoke of the 20-year Porvoo process in which the Communion was reaping the fruits of a shared life. Unity is organic – of body, soul and spirit and this will further develop.

The PCG continues to facilitate programmes on a number of issues concerning church life. It sets the agenda for the Primates meeting, the Church Leaders Consultation and the Theological Conferences.

One of the challenges facing the Porvoo Communion is to find clarity on the processes of consultation between the member churches when contentious issues are debated and decided, and when decisions taken by one church have consequences for the others.

Primates agreed that the members of the Porvoo Communion should know more about each other, look for the good of all and consultations should take into account the needs of the others. The PCG which acts on behalf of the Porvoo Communion would need to devise a framework to take the formal processes of consultation forward.

### **Challenges brought to the table by the Primates.**

Churches need to recognise each other as they are.

The financial, political and moral crisis has resulted in distrust in society and churches, which is a challenge greater than the budget.

The financial crisis has meant that across the board cuts in public spending have been made. The assets of churches have shrunk, in some cases up to 40 % of capital value in 2008.

Churches need to intensify their work for greater peace and closer fellowship.

There needs to be openness to the different understandings of spirituality within the Porvoo Communion. Important is to take into account the developments in society and the role of the individual.

Several churches are challenged by revised structures between state and church and issues related to marriage and human sexuality continue to cause some tension in relationships.

Other issues discussed were the lack of young people in church, and the difficulties some churches are facing with regard to the consecration of women bishops.

Although the Anglican Communion continues to struggle with a diversity of challenges following the Lambeth Conference, the Communion seems to be in much better heart.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark is discussing the possibility of signing the Porvoo declaration. It would be a joy to welcome them as full members of the Porvoo Communion.

### **Impact of the Current Economic Situation and Climate Change**

**- What is our response as Christians?**

**- Social realities and the role of the churches.**

The Rt Revd Olay Skjevesland presented a paper to the Primates on the above topic and highlighted issues of concern. The Primates along with the PCG members discussed the resulting issues in groups. Part of the task for the Porvoo churches was to be prophetic in a rapidly changing context.

The questions addressed in group were:

- How can churches take the initiative in promoting a Christian lifestyle?
- The rich and poor divide – How can the church be prophetic in word and deed?

### Drawing Things Together

Primates felt that business as usual was not an option. The household of God needs to clean itself. The churches need to speak forth on all issues affecting the livelihood of humanity. They need to challenge governments to implement the millennium goals. The financial crisis cannot be an excuse. Churches may not have huge financial resources, but they can speak out and be instruments of change. One of the primary concerns of the churches was the welfare of the people and not material wealth. Hypocrisy should be avoided. The task will require spiritual discipline, courage and solidarity in relationship.

### **Living in Communion, a good example from Finland**

The Revd Dr. Tomi Karttunen presented a paper with a good example of Anglican and Lutheran co-operation in Finland. The document was distributed to all Primates. The Revd Rupert Moreton presented an example of his work among Anglican Sudanese refugees in Finland. The discussion on the topic led to the Primates considering how the Porvoo Communion can reflect more substantially on the diaspora ministry in the Porvoo context. This matter will be taken forward by the PCG.

### **Introduction to the Consultation on Migration in Denmark**

The Revd Jan Nilsson presented a plan for a consultation on Migration taking place in Copenhagen in December 2009, and urged all members to consider sending a representative.

### **Living in Communion Globally**

#### **Perspectives from the Anglican Communion and the Lutheran World Federation:**

Archbishop Barry Morgan spoke of recent developments in the Anglican Communion which seem to be full of uncertainties. He pointed out that only now the advantages of belonging to a communion is being realised. However, the Lambeth conference was a good one even though a number of Bishops absented themselves. The Anglican Consultative Council meeting in Jamaica in May 2009 was also a positive experience. The Anglican Communion strives to live with tensions on sexuality and authority, as indeed do other churches. It would be a mistake to think that issues of same sex blessings and the consecration of bishops in same sex relationships are merely issues facing the Episcopal Church in America and the Canadian Church. These are issues facing other a few provinces of the Communion. At the moment the Communion has an agreement on the following:

1. moratorium on authorised public liturgies for same sex unions;
2. moratorium on the consecration of bishops living in same sex unions;
3. moratorium on incursions into other provinces by Primates.

The covenant process is under discussion and it remains to be seen whether this can be implemented in the wider context of the communion. There are two other processes going on in the communion:

1. the listening process with provinces engaging in ongoing discussions across the communion;
- 2: a hermeneutics process called the Bible and the Church today, which looks at the way the Bible is used in theological disputes.

Archbishop Anders Wejryd, Church of Sweden presented recent development in the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and pointed out that the name also includes “A Communion of Churches”. The LWF wrestled for a long time with the idea of being a communion, especially since a communion would be a means of bringing smaller churches together. This is not an easy process since there are struggles on issues concerning family, marriage, sexuality and the ordination of women, which continue to be divisive, although the majority do not see them as grounds for breaking from LWF. The churches are determined to stay together in order to hear each other. The question of truth remains a hermeneutical issue which will continue to engage the LWF.

**Date and venue for the next Porvoo Primates Meeting**

The Archbishop of the Church in Wales has agreed to host the next Porvoo Primates Meeting from 3-7 October, 2011 in Wales.

**Closing Eucharist**

The closing evening Eucharist was held at the Porvoo Cathedral. Regular church member including the Cathedral choir were present. The Bishop of Porvoo presided and the Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church preached.

The Porvoo Primates Meeting ended with a splendid reception hosted by the Bishop of Porvoo.

Report written by the Co-Secretaries  
Beate Fagerli and Revd Dr. Leslie Nathaniel  
The Porvoo Communion of Churches  
21. October 2009





**THE FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE PORVOO AGREEMENT CONTACT GROUP**

**14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2009**

**PORVOO PARISH HOUSE, PORVOO, FINLAND**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** The Rt Revd Martin Wharton, Church of England (Co-Chair), The Rt Revd Ragnar Persenius, Church of Sweden (Outgoing Co-Chair), Beate Fagerli, Church of Norway (Co-Secretary), The Revd Dr Leslie Nathaniel, Church of England (Co-Secretary), The Revd Steinunn A Björnsdóttir, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Iceland, Elspeth Davey, Scottish Episcopal Church, The Revd Dr Cristopher Meakin, Church of Sweden, The Revd Richard Spencer, Church in Wales, The Revd John McDowell, Church of Ireland, The Revd Rupert Moreton, Diocese in Europe, Church of England, The Revd Dr Tomi Karttunen, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland, The Revd Tauno Teder, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Estonia, The Revd Darius Petkunas, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania, The Revd Susan Woodcock, Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church, The Revd José Jorge Piña Cabral, Igreja Lusitana Católica Apostólica Evangélica Portugal

**Observers:** Dr Sandra Gintere, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia, The Revd Jan Nilsson, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark

**Apologies:** Revd Tauno Teder, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Estonia

<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Wednesday 14th October</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p><b>Opening Eucharist</b> The meeting began with a celebration of the Eucharist. Celebrant: Revd Steinunn A. Björnsdottir; Sermon: Revd Dr Leslie Nathaniel</p>	
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Business</b>	
Item 1	<p><b>Welcome and introductions</b> The Co-Chairmen welcomed all participants. A special word of welcome was given to the following new members: <u>New co-chair:</u> The Most Revd Karl Sigurbjörnsson, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Iceland <u>New co-secretaries:</u> Revd Dr Leslie Nathaniel, Church of England Ms Beate Fagerli, Church of Norway <u>New members are:</u> Revd Dr Christopher Meakin, Church of Sweden Revd Tauno Teder, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Estonia</p> <p>A round of introductions followed.</p>	
Item 2	<p><b>Confirmation of the Agenda and Programme Clarifications</b> It was decided to use the agenda with some flexibility, since, for example, continuous discussion on reports would not be fruitful. It was also decided to provide space for reflection on the Primates Meeting and to appoint a small team to prepare a press statement.</p>	

Item 3	<p><b>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Porvoo Contact Group held in Vilnius, Lithuania 2008</b> The Minutes were confirmed.</p>	
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>Business</b>	
Item 4	<p><b>Country Reports</b> The Country Reports were circulated by email before the meeting. Copies were also available at the meeting.</p> <p><b>Denmark</b> The report was received. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (ELCD) is working towards signing the Porvoo Declaration. This news was warmly received by the PCG. One of the points discussed was in connection with the ordination of priests by deans. 14 pastors have been ordained by Cathedral deans on the authority of the bishops. However, ELCD emphasises that this was not the normal practice.</p> <p>PCG members also noted that the discussion process was not complete and the ELCD needed to handle these processes without pressure.</p> <p>Once ELCD had taken the decision to become a member of the Porvoo Communion, it was agreed that the signing of the declaration should be a celebratory event. Further planning will take place in consultation with the ELCD. The location and date for the event: Copenhagen, 2. October 2010.</p> <p><b>Diocese in Europe</b> The report was received.</p> <p><b>England</b> The report was received. Some discussion took place around the developments within the church on the question of the ordination of women as bishops. The question was raised as to why there seems to be still some hesitation in certain constituencies in the CofE on the matter. It was, however, noted that the process cannot be stopped and that there is no doubt that there will be women bishops in the CofE.</p> <p><b>Estonia</b> A written report was available. The report was received.</p> <p><b>Finland</b> The report was received. A discussion took place on the mutual recognition between the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland and the Methodists in Finland. The Church of Finland clarifies that</p>	<p><b>General Action Point</b> PCG members are requested to prepare a sheet with information on church agreements or ecumenical conversations in their respective countries.</p> <p>Jan Nilsson will keep members informed of developments.</p> <p>Jan Nilsson, Co-Chairmen, Co-Secretaries for action</p> <p>Await developments</p>

the Methodists in Finland are members of the United Methodist Church and are therefore Episcopal.

**Iceland**

The report was received. Iceland has been strongly affected by the financial crisis, which has also affected the church. However, it was underlined that positive energy had emerged in spite of the crisis. There had been a change in attitudes with a broader focus on life and non-material values. Although the church is suffering financially, the previous year had been the best year in terms of contributions from members.

**Ireland**

The report was received.

**Latvia**

The report was received. There has been some insecurity as to further participation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia in the Porvoo Communion. The Latvian bishops continue to discuss the issue. Members of the Porvoo Communion continue to hope that the ELCL will become a member.

On the other hand there are indications that the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia (**in Exile**) would be willing to sign the Porvoo declaration. It is understandable that they would like to be part of the Porvoo Communion. The 'exile church' established a church of their own in Riga with a pastor, who spends half his time in Riga and the other half in Germany. There is an Archbishop in Germany who is responsible for the 'exile church', and there has been some co-operation with the regular ELCL archbishop and the 'ELCL in Exile' on some matters. For example, with regard to the use of space.

Estonian and Lithuanian exile churches merged with their mother churches. However, this is not the case in Latvia. The 'exile church' does not wish to become part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia. It intends to follow the Lutheran World Federation line. The regular ELCL, however, does not wish to take the LWF approach on the ordination of women for priesthood, episcopate and the on the issue of homosexuality.

It was clarified that the PCG had not wished to put a deadline for the regular ELCL to take a decision regards signing the Porvoo Declaration.

It may be useful to organise a conference in Latvia in order to create some momentum forward.

**Lithuania**

The report was received. There are 14 congregations in Belarus which have historically belonged to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lithuania. Bishop Mindaugas Sabutis ordains priests and deacons for service in the Lutheran congregations in Belarus.

Await developments. Wait until there is a clear signal that Denmark will sign the declaration, then take stock of the situation in Latvia

	<p><b>Norway</b> The report was received. The election of Olav Fykse Tveit as general secretary of the WCC was noted. It was agreed that the PCG send its greetings and congratulations.</p> <p><b>Portugal</b> The report was received. A declaration on mutual recognition of baptism has been signed by the Lusitanian Church, the Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church (forming the Ecumenical Council) and the Roman Catholic Church.</p> <p><b>Scotland</b> The report was received. The "Statement of Partnership" conversations are being opened up for participation by a wider group of churches. On September 20, 2008 church members were encouraged to bring a friend to church. This has led to an increase in Sunday service attendance in some of the parishes.</p> <p><b>Spain</b> The report was received. The Episcopal Reformed Church in Spain was formed by the Spanish for the Spanish people. It is an extra provincial diocese in the Anglican Communion. Its Metropolitan is the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Church has 20 – 25 congregations in six cities with a total of approximately 5000 members. The membership is, however, not very active.</p> <p>A religious liberty law with a wider, secular perspective is currently being discussed in Spain. There will be a number of legal issues which will cause concern, not least for the Protestant churches in Spain.</p> <p><b>Sweden</b> The report was received. As a result of the financial crisis, Sweden is currently facing the highest rate of unemployed young people in Europe.</p> <p>The Mission Covenant Church of Sweden, the Methodist Church in Sweden (UMC) and the Baptist church in Sweden are moving towards union. All these churches wish to maintain closer relations with the Church of Sweden.</p> <p>Translations of objections to the doctrinal commission's statement on marriage would be made. The statement produced by committee of the General Synod will be translated and will include the statement of the doctrinal commission, the synodical committee as well as the objections.</p> <p><b>Wales</b> The report was received.</p>	Co-Secretaries
Item 5	<p><b>Press Release</b> The drafted press release was accepted with minor changes.</p>	Press Committee: Steinunn A Björnsdóttir, Richard Spencer, John McDowell

Item 6	<p><b>Exposure to Tampere</b>  The Church of Finland arranged an interesting exposure visit to Tampere. The Bishop of Tampere, Martti Repo, a former member and friend of the Porvoo Communion, accompanied the PCG delegation to the Cathedral and provided the delegation with a sumptuous dinner.</p>	
<b>Session 4</b>	<b>Thursday 15th October</b>	
	<b>Morning Worship was led by the ??????</b>	
Item 7 Agenda (5)	<p><b>Primates Meting - Snapshots of Reflections</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was overall agreement that this was one of the better Primates meetings. Issues were discussed and there was a feeling of goodwill and fellowship. The tone of the conversations was non-aggressive</li> <li>• The working groups were important and had provided the PCG members with an opportunity to interact with the Primates</li> <li>• There were language difficulties, although in general the discussions were interactive</li> <li>• A single day is not enough for a Primates meeting. However, it will be difficult to get all the Primates together for a longer duration</li> <li>• Since time continues to be an important factor, one could reduce the number of themes on the agenda</li> <li>• The financial crisis was not a major point of discussion in plenary. However, there was more in depth discussion on the matter in some of the groups.</li> </ul>	Keep in mind during planning discussions
Item 8 Agenda (6)	<p><b>Porvoo Interfaith Engagement Consultation 2011</b>  A proposal was received to hold a Porvoo Consultation on Interfaith engagement in Gothenburg 2011. At the outset it was pointed out that the PCG cannot be used as a vehicle for other interests. However, the idea behind this particular consultation arose as a result of the Edinburgh consultation. Furthermore, it has received the support of the Bishop of Gothenburg. It has been made clear to the initiators that such a consultation would be a Porvoo Communion contribution.  The following are some of the issues which need further consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is this to be a consultation between Christians and Muslims only?</li> <li>• If it is to relate to our particular contexts, it may be natural to restrict it to Christian – Muslim dialogue</li> <li>• The Porvoo Communion should use the opportunity to produce a suitable and practical interfaith theological document along with suitable guidelines for use</li> <li>• The financial situation needs clarification. It would be good to establish at the outset the financial contributions possible from the Diocese of Gothenburg and the Church of Sweden</li> <li>• There should be one or two representatives from each church at the consultation</li> <li>• Dates: 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 or 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011</li> </ul>	Planning group: Christopher Meakin, Elspeth Davey and the Co-Secretaries with Christopher and Elspeth being the lead persons.

	<p>It was decided to approve the proposal and request the planning group to work out the details.</p>	
<p>Item 9 Agenda (7)</p>	<p><b>Issues of Concern</b></p> <p><i>1. Porvoo Links</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposal to have a Porvoo Sunday seems difficult to integrate into the calendar of all churches. However, it is a possibility which needs further reflection and should not be forgotten.</li> <li>• It was agreed to include the Porvoo Prayer diary into the main bloodstream of the churches.</li> <li>• All Porvoo links need to be documented (parish, diocesan and central church links).</li> </ul> <p><i>2. Report from the CEC General Assembly, Lyon, July 2009</i></p> <p>Several PCG members had been present at the Assembly of the Conference of European Churches. The General Assembly focused on four main issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its existence</li> <li>• Celebrate the Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe (CCME) joining CEC as a separate commission</li> <li>• Decide on a programme plan for the next six years</li> <li>• Work on a vision for CEC for the next 20 years.</li> </ul> <p><i>Some other issues</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Evangelical Church on Germany (EKD) introduced a motion for radical changes to the structures of CEC. Although the need for restructuring and savings were recognised by all, many churches still feared that the proposed EKD motion would affect the CEC Commissions to such an extent, that it would no more be possible to deliver expertise and good programmatic work to CEC. Furthermore, the smaller churches feared that their voices would no more be heard. The proposal was therefore modified, keeping in mind the need to make CEC fit for purpose and at the same time ensuring that joint participation was possible.</li> <li>• The Ecumenical Patriarch, His All Holiness Bartholomew II sent his greetings and called for the Roman Catholics to join CEC.</li> <li>• The Russian Orthodox Church has suspended its CEC membership, since the Russian Orthodox Church in Estonia has not yet been accepted as a full member of CEC.</li> <li>• It was observed that the EKD is interested in strengthening the Community of Protestant Churches in Europe and that this will</li> </ul>	<p>All PCG members provide the Co-Secretaries with ideas to take these issues forward</p> <p>PCG members to send information on all links to the Co-Secretaries</p> <p>Await further developments</p> <p>Await further developments</p>



	<p>is not advisable. It would be helpful if there is an order for 5000 copies. If 10 churches were to order 500 copies each, it would cost each church 2000 €.</p> <p>The idea of a Porvoo Hymnal would provide the churches with a Porvoo identity. It would appeal to a number of groups within the churches and could become widely used. Finland strongly supports this venture. The Diocese in Europe representative sees interesting opportunities for its use.</p> <p>The PCG can commit itself to only about Euros 10000.</p> <p>5000 copies may not be needed.</p> <p>Christopher will look into the possibilities of taking this forward.</p> <p><i>6. Clergy Exchange</i></p> <p>Churches need to inform one another of clergy from partner churches working in one of their churches. Elspeth Davey and Christopher Meakin will draw up a simple step-by-step process of what needs to be done to map/follow up the stories of such clergy.</p> <p><i>7. Patterns of ordained ministry</i></p> <p>The pattern of ordained ministry is changing rapidly. On the one hand there are many retired priests. On the other hand the number of active priests is decreasing. The nature of ordained ministry has also become collaborative with team effort playing a more central role. Those in ordained leadership are moving towards becoming facilitators, overseers and energisers of a whole team of people. Clergy are not necessarily trained for this.</p> <p><i>8. WCC</i></p> <p>Christopher Meakin gave a short report of the Faith and Order Plenary Commission meeting he had attended. The following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ecclesiological processes are being discussed</li> <li>• Moral discernment of the churches was a point of discussion. Churches were looking at patterns and methods in responding to ethical issues.</li> </ul> <p>The work of the WCC is based on consensus. This has been successful, but can delay processes. However, it was emphasised that consensus decisions are owned by all.</p> <p><i>9. Ecumenical Kirchentag</i></p> <p>The Ecumenical Kirchentag is to be held in München from 11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010. To explore whether a Porvoo Communion meeting could be organised.</p> <p>Also to be noted are the 'Finnish Church Days', which are similar to the Kirchentag and happen bi-annually.</p>	<p>Christopher Meakin</p> <p>Christopher Meakin and Elspeth Davey</p> <p>To be discussed further</p> <p>Tomi Karttunen and Co-Secretaries</p>
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<b>Session 5</b>	<b>Issues of Concern Continued</b>	
Item 9 Agenda (7) cont.	<p><i>10. Porvoo Inter-Faith Consultation</i></p> <p>A report of the December 2008 Porvoo Interfaith Consultation in Edinburgh is available and will be circulated to PCG members and brought to the Church Leaders Consultation in March 2009.</p> <p><i>11. The Third Porvoo Theological Conference on Ethics and Communion</i></p> <p>PCG members were keen to have a copy of the contributions.</p>	<p>Elspeth Davey</p> <p>Leslie Nathaniel</p>
Item 10 Agenda (8)	<p><b>The Porvoo Church Leaders' Consultation</b></p> <p>The Porvoo Church Leaders' Consultation will be held in Sigtuna, Sweden from 18th to 20th March 2010.</p> <p>The PCG approved the draft agenda with a number of further suggestions. The agenda will need to be fine tuned and tasks allocated. Members of the planning group: Co-secretaries, Christopher Meakin, Johan Dalman and Elspeth Davey</p>	<p>The planning group</p>
	<b>Evening Prayer was led by the Revd Richard Spencer</b>	
<b>Session 6</b>	<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October Looking Forward</b>	
Item 11 Agenda (9)	<p><b>The Porvoo Web-site</b></p> <p>The web-page needs both reworking and maintenance. If additional financing cannot be secured, the current pages would need to be revised. Adda Björnsdottir is to resend all relevant information to the web-manager in Wales, and Richard Spencer will follow up.</p>	<p>Richard Spencer to take forward all proposals in this connection. Adda Björnsdottir and the Co-Secretaries to provide support</p>
Item 12 Agenda (9)	<p><b>Consultation on Diaconal Ministry</b></p> <p>The circulated consultation report was adopted. It was important for the recommendations of the report to be implemented in the churches of the Porvoo Communion and progress report sent to the Co-Secretaries.</p>	<p>This is a task for all PCG members</p>
Item 13 Agenda (9)	<p><b>Youth Participation</b></p> <p>Interest in youth participation was expressed from Finland, Iceland, Sweden, Norway, Scotland and Wales, Lithuania and Latvia.</p> <p>The possibility of holding a youth event during the Primates meeting in Cardiff, the next PCG meeting in Madrid, or a separate youth event, is to be explored. A clear proposal is to be put together for the Church Leaders' Consultation in Sigtuna.</p>	<p>Tomi Karttunen and Richard Spencer to</p>

	<p>Also to be clarified is the definition of who would fall under the category of 'youth'.</p> <p>It was further proposed to explore whether EU funds could be generated for this purpose.</p>	take the lead and along with the Co-Secretaries draw up a proposal.
Item 14 Agenda (9)	<p><b>Mission Shaped Church</b></p> <p>No proposal had been received from the Church of Norway, since it is fully engaged in preparations for next year's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the World Mission Conference in Edinburgh 1910 and does not have the resources to take this forward.</p>	
Item 15 Agenda (9)	<p><b>Anglican Lutheran International Committee (ALIC)</b></p> <p>The Anglican Lutheran International Committee meets for its annual conference in different parts of the world. The 2009 meeting focussed on diaconal ministry. It would be of some value to try and link this work to the work being done in the Porvoo Communion. The report from ALIC would be a useful document for discussion at the CLC meeting in Sigtuna.</p>	Beate Fagerli
Item 16 Agenda (9)	<p><b>Anglo-Nordic-Baltic Pastoral Conference</b></p> <p>Bishop Michael Jackson and others are looking at new ways to continue the work of the Pastoral Conference. This could provide participants with useful insight.</p>	Await developments
Item 17 Agenda (9)	<p><b>Porvoo Research Network</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Porvoo Theological Research Network consultation was held in Åkersberg Sweden</li> <li>• The result of this consultation will be published and made available on the Porvoo website</li> <li>• The next consultation of the Porvoo Research Network will take place in 2011. The location will be communicated</li> </ul>	All PCG members to send information on noted theological ecumenists and research persons to Christopher Meakin for further action
Item 18 Agenda (9)	<p><b>Relations with the Old Catholics</b></p> <p>A document of the Church of Sweden's dialogue with the Old Catholics will be published by the end of the year.</p>	Christopher Meakin to provide PCG members with information
Item 19 Agenda (9)	<p><b>Consultation on Marriage</b></p> <p>There was an intense and robust debate on whether a consultation on marriage needed to be given priority, especially since there had already been a consultation on ethics and communion. Snapshots of the debate are given below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was not at all sure what the result of such a consultation would be.</li> <li>• Many PCG members did not see the need for a consultation on marriage.</li> <li>• Consultations on such an issue could become divisive. It was essential to ensure that our unity is maintained and that closer fellowship is achieved.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Furthermore, a consultation should ensure that honest conversations happen.</li> <li>• No church has all the wisdom or all the moral high ground.</li> <li>• Marriage has both a natural and legal place within society. Churches need to explore how they relate to this fact. Furthermore civil marriage legislation brings forth different reactions from different churches. All churches are affected by such legislation. A marriage consultation should not dilute all the common ground so far achieved in the Porvoo Communion.</li> <li>• One possibility is to look at the Church of Sweden as a case study, and among other things, how this church has been put under pressure by the State.</li> <li>• The Church of Sweden has been keeping the Churches in the Porvoo Communion informed of changes in marriage legislation in Sweden and the possible responses of the Church of Sweden. It feels that it has been honest in this connection and calls for honest moral discernment within all the churches of the Porvoo Communion.</li> </ul> <p>At the end of the debate there was consensus that the churches in the Porvoo Communion needed each other and needed to be in solidarity with one another. A marriage consultation would indeed generate better understanding of the particular situation faced by all churches in their different contexts. It would deepen knowledge and sharing and present to the world a Communion which can address important issues, and despite holding different positions on specific issues, could still see the enormous common ground achieved as key to remaining together.</p> <p>The Church of Finland has agreed to host the consultation at the latest in the autumn of 2011.</p> <p>The PCG approved a planning committee of: Christopher Meakin (Sweden), Tomi Karttunen (Finland), Leslie Nathaniel (England) and Beate Fagerli (Norway).</p> <p>PCG members are required to send their views to the Co-Secretaries in preparation for the consultation.</p>	<p>Planning group for further action</p>
<p>Item 20 Agenda (9)</p>	<p><b>Consultation on Diaspora</b></p> <p>The idea to work towards a consultation on diaspora communities emerged from the Primates meeting, which engaged on the issue of 'living in communion locally'. A number of diaspora congregations are beginning to worship in main line churches as well in Anglican chaplaincies. In Finland the Sudanese population are a major factor in the life of the church. The PCG members recognised that this suggestion needed to be given serious consideration. Rupert Moreton and the Leslie Nathaniel are requested to draw up a comprehensive plan in this connection, which will then be taken further by the Co-Secretaries.</p>	<p>Rupert Moreton and Co-Secretaries</p>

<p>Item 20 Agenda (9)</p>	<p><b>Vision and Mission</b></p> <p>The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland has developed an ecumenical strategy, which was discussed informally in the context of a WCC Faith and Order meeting. The question raised was whether this strategy could be also looked at and further developed for use in the Porvoo Communion.</p> <p>Tomi Karttunen will work on a draft pamphlet for discussion at the Madrid PCG meeting. The issue of funding for this purpose will also be discussed in Madrid.</p>	<p>Tomi Karttunen</p>
<p><b>Session 7</b></p>	<p><b>Final Business</b></p>	
<p>Item 21 Agenda (9)</p>	<p><b>Dates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church Leaders Consultation, Sigtuna, Sweden: 18th to 21st March 2010</li> <li>• Porvoo Contact Group Meeting, Madrid, Spain: 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2010. Points to note:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We pay for accommodation</li> <li>2. Some kind of exposure to local church life</li> <li>3. A place to worship together</li> <li>4. The normal practice is that the local Bishop is present and will say something about the nature and life of the church.</li> <li>5. A central location</li> <li>6. Single rooms</li> <li>7. Office facilities</li> <li>8. Meeting room</li> <li>9. Internet access outside the meeting room</li> <li>10. Transport - good instructions are needed</li> <li>11. Spanish church to provide food, transport and exposure.</li> <li>12. Worship to involve the Bishop</li> <li>13. Timetable: Arrival 4th evening; full meeting days on 5th, 6th and 7th morning; departure 7th after lunch.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Possible signing of Porvoo Declaration by Denmark: 2nd October 2010 in Copenhagen</li> <li>• Interfaith Consultation in Gothenburg: 28th to 31st March 2011 or 4th to 7th April 2011</li> <li>• Porvoo Contact Group Meeting, Wales: 3rd to 7th October 2011</li> </ul>	<p>Elspeth Davey, Christopher Meakin and Co-Secretaries</p> <p>Co-Secretaries and Susan Woodcock</p> <p>Jan Nilsson and Co-Secretaries</p> <p>Elspeth Davey and Christopher Meakin (lead persons) along with Co-Secretaries</p> <p>Co-Secretaries and Richard Spencer</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Porvoo Contact Group meeting and Theological Conference: Denmark, October 2012</li> <li>• Primates meeting and Porvoo Contact Group Meeting: Iceland, October 2013</li> <li>• Church Leaders Consultation: England, (York) 2014</li> </ul>	<p>Co-Secretaries</p> <p>Co-Secretaries</p> <p>Co-Secretaries</p>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>Bishop Karl Sigurbjörnsson closed the meeting with prayer</b>	

