

APPENDIX I

Resources

for the Anglican-Methodist Covenant

The Anglican-Methodist Covenant web site, www.anglican-methodist.org.uk, carries a wide range of stories of initiatives that are in the spirit of the Covenant, as well as background information and resources. Both Churches can be very grateful to the Methodist Communications Team for dealing with the technicalities. The site Moderator, managing the site content, is the Revd John Cole, a member of the Joint Implementation Commission.

A: Publications

Unless otherwise stated, all the following publications are available for download on the web site or can be purchased via

EITHER **Methodist Publishing House**, 4 John Wesley Road, Werrington, Peterborough PE4 6ZP, Tel 01733 325002. www.mph.org.uk.

OR **Church House Bookshop**, 31 Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3BN, Tel 020 7898 1300. www.chbookshop.co.uk

* **An Anglican-Methodist Covenant**

Common Statement of the Formal Conversations between the Methodist Church of Great Britain and the Church of England (2002) ISBN 1 85852 218 - 8 Price £4:25

* **Reader's Guide to An Anglican-Methodist Covenant**

An A3 folded leaflet including the text of the Covenant, Affirmations and Commitments with pointers to key parts of the Report. Price: 50p Available in packs of ten at price £5. (*Not downloadable*)

* **A church shaped for mission:**

Study group material, based on *An Anglican-Methodist Covenant*, compiled by John Cole (2002) ISBN: 0 7151 5766 3 Price: £4:95 (*Not downloadable*)

* **Theological workbook on An Anglican-Methodist Covenant**

Produced in 2002 on behalf of the Methodist Church and the Church of England by Dr Martin Davie, the Theological Secretary to the Church of England's Council for Christian Unity. Intended for clergy, ordinands, lay ministers and all who are interested in theological study.

This resource can be downloaded from the web site and is available from the Council for Christian Unity, Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3NZ. Telephone: 020 7898 1481. Fax 020 7898 1483 Price: £4.00

✳ **In the Spirit of the Covenant:**

The first ‘interim’ report from the Joint Implementation Commission for an Anglican-Methodist Covenant, as presented to General Synod and to the Methodist Conference in July 2005. ISBN: 1 85852 299 4 Price: £5.95

✳ **Living God’s Covenant:**

The second ‘interim’ report from the Joint Implementation Commission for an Anglican-Methodist Covenant, as presented to General Synod and to the Methodist Conference in July 2007. ISBN: 1 85852 334 7 Price: £5.00 (*Not downloadable*)

B: Handouts for general use

The following are available for free download from the web site, and can be given to anyone who wants to think more about what the Covenant can mean in their local church context.

1. **Living God’s Covenant:** The text of the Covenant
The seven affirmations and six commitments of the Anglican-Methodist Covenant, together with the preamble, presented in a handy format.
2. **Living God’s Covenant:** Six benchmarks
Section 3.2 from the 2005 Interim Report *In the Spirit of the Covenant* – with a brief Scriptural introduction and suggestions for group work.
3. **Living God’s Covenant:** Six ways to respond
Section 3.3.1 from the 2005 Interim Report, slightly abbreviated – with suggestions for group work
4. **Living God’s Covenant:** A guide to good covenanting
Chapter 4 from the 2005 Interim Report – with suggestions for group work
5. **Living God’s Covenant:** Covenanting for Mission
Four convictions, with a brief Scriptural introduction, exploring the essential connection between covenant and mission – with suggestions for group work.

These five handouts could form the nucleus of a display about the Covenant at major Church gatherings.

The following are also downloadable for use on a display:

- * A three minute silent PowerPoint presentation designed as an endless loop featuring the key ingredients of covenanting living.
- * A printable facsimile of the covenant document signed on 1 November 2003.

The logo used on the cover of most of the covenant literature is also available for incorporation in local publicity.

C: Workshop and group learning materials

* **“Living God’s Covenant”** was the title for the series of day workshops organised regionally during 2006. Material from these workshops is now provided on the covenant web site to enable workshops to be constructed more locally on similar themes.

Available material includes possible timetables, handouts and the text and slides of the main PowerPoint presentation that was used in the context of worship. The relevant worship material is also available.

The full PowerPoint presentation (30Mb) is available free of charge on a CD, with the associated papers in Word format. To request a copy send your name and address to Mrs Elspeth Coke, CCU, Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3AZ.

* **A set of case studies** is now available on request, via a special link on the web site. These studies explore both the potential and the challenges of living in covenant relationships with other Christian communities.

* **“Take me to your leader!”** is a light-hearted PowerPoint presentation, for members of circuit meetings and deanery synods who are struggling to understand each other’s ways of working. It might make an attractive way into discussing the issues raised in the chapter on Shared Decision-Making in this quinquennial report.

D: Interpreting Church of England disciplines in the light of the Covenant

The Methodist Church and the Church of England entered their Covenant relationship on the understanding that the Covenant, in itself, did not change any of the constitutional arrangements or disciplines of either Church.

For the Church of England, however, new opportunities arise within its existing disciplines because of the Covenant relationship. Guidelines have been produced to inform diocesan bishops of the options now available to them.

*** Guidelines on the application of Canon B43**

Canon B43 deals with how ministers of other Churches may take part in Church of England worship in any parish, and how Church of England ministers may be permitted to lead worship in other Churches. These guidelines highlight in particular the scope for Church of England clergy to preside at Holy Communion in Methodist churches.

*** Guidelines on the application of Canon B44**

Canon B44 deals with how local Church of England churches may enter formal Partnerships with other Churches. A full set of guidelines is now downloadable from the web site, highlighting the increased scope for local covenant partnership between Anglican and Methodist churches.

E: Standard suggested paperwork for formal Partnerships between Anglican and Methodist churches

Model documents have now been prepared for most aspects of formal Local Ecumenical Partnership between our two Churches. They are made available for downloading, however, on the clear understanding that professional advice will always be required so that they can be appropriately adapted to the local situation. The first point of contact should be the District or Diocesan Ecumenical Officer.

*** A pro forma Sharing Agreement** – a legal document under the Sharing of Church Buildings Act – for Methodists and Anglicans sharing a Church of England parish church (whether or not they then form a single congregation). Guidelines file also available.

✱ **A pro forma Sharing Agreement** (as above) when sharing a Methodist church. Guidelines file also available.

✱ **A pro forma constitution** for a single-congregation Anglican-Methodist Ecumenical Partnership occupying a shared building under a Sharing Agreement. This document incorporates extensive guidelines.

✱ **Pro forma paperwork** when a Methodist and an Anglican congregation wish to come together in a formal ‘Local Covenant Partnership.’ These texts are included within the set of guidelines on the application of Canon B44 – see above.

F: Briefing Papers

“Deaneries and Circuits – Partners in Mission”

This booklet has been commissioned by the Church House Deaneries Group as part of their ‘Briefings’ series, setting out the contrasts between deaneries and circuits and therefore their potential to complement each other.

“Deaneries and Circuits – Partners in Mission” is published by Parish and People and available via their web site on www.parishandpeople.org.uk, price £1 post free.

The full text is also included in this report as Appendix II

“Local Preachers and Readers – Sharing Two Ministries”

This booklet, in a similar format, addresses the distinctive but overlapping ministries of Local Preachers and Readers, and explores how both Churches can benefit from their gifts.

“Local Preachers and Readers – Sharing Two Ministries” is published by Parish and People and available via their web site on www.parishandpeople.org.uk, price £2 post free.

The full text is also included in this report as Appendix III