

## **Report of the Commission on Christian Unity and Dialogue**

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I just want to make a quick mention of two items from the report.

The first is you will see on page 246 that the Anglican and Ecumenical Affairs working group is looking at the resolutions from ACC19 last year in order to pass them to the relevant bodies within the Church of Ireland. And just to add to a reminder that as mentioned last year ACC19 will be held in Ireland (2026?) I know it still seems a long way off but it will arrive fast enough.

The other item is found on page 245-246 (also in Standing Committee Report p135 item 31) is a warm mention by Bishop Michael of the ecumenical moment marking the Armagh Agreement with the Moravians. Those who gave up their St patricks day bank holiday Monday were rewarded with a liturgical celebration in St Patricks Ballymena and then in Gracehill. This special relationship came after 14 years of dialogue (as our Commission name suggests) and careful consideration – not least due to the issue – as so often happens in ecumenical dialogue of different geographical boundaries. The Moravians being united across Britian and Ireland (even though in our terms they are only present in the Province of Armagh).

Some of you may have heard Bishop Harold Miller on radio ulster reminiscing of Christingle services with his Moravian cousin – which I remember him excitedly sharing in those first discussions with the Moravians. Thanks are due to all those – who like Bishop Harold began those talks but are now enjoying retirement – and we wish the members of the reference group on interchangability well in the outworking of those early discussions.