

- ◆ 'We affirm that there already exists a basis for agreement on the principles of episcopal oversight as a visible sign and instrument of the communion of the Church in time and space.'

The Churches should commit themselves, as a priority:

- ◆ To work to remove the remaining obstacles to unity, in particular, a united, interchangeable ministry;
- ◆ To realise more deeply our common life and mission;
- ◆ To welcome each others' baptised members;
- ◆ To encourage forms of eucharistic sharing;
- ◆ To listen to each other and take account of each others' concerns;
- ◆ To continue to develop structures of joint or shared oversight.

The report concludes by recommending that it be studied by the two Churches, and their ecumenical partners, and that the United Reformed Church in particular be invited to participate in a three-way conversation.

It recommends that the governing bodies of the two Churches enter into the Covenant on the basis of the findings of the report, and that a Joint Implementation Commission be established to carry forward the implementation of the commitments in the Covenant. The Commission should, as a priority, consider the interchangeability of the diaconal, presbyteral, and episcopal ministries of the two Churches.

The Report is to be considered by the Rickmansworth Deanery Synod in February and will, no doubt, eventually come before our United Council.