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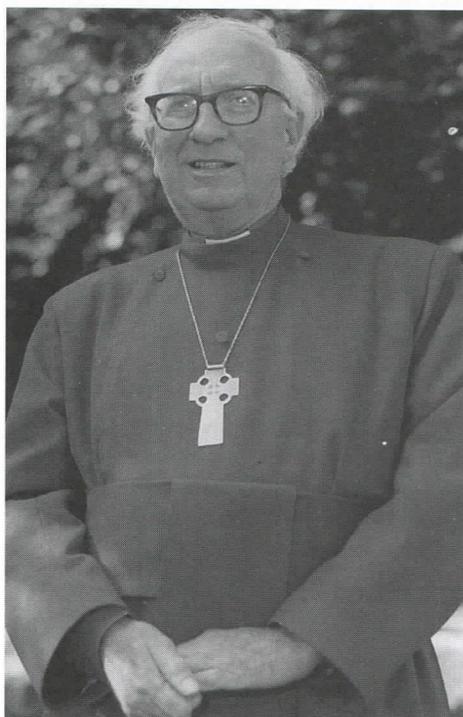
## ALS saddened by death of Bishop Gordon Roe

The Anglican-Lutheran Society is shocked and saddened by the unexpected death of its Anglican co-moderator, the Rt Rev Gordon Roe, retired Bishop of Huntingdon, England. He died in his sleep at his home in Bournemouth, England, on 19 July at the age of 67. Although Bishop Gordon suffered from a chronic bronchial condition and had two heart attacks in 1986, his death was a shock to all. A Memorial Service will be held at the Cathedral of the Holy and Undivided Trinity at Ely on Saturday, 16 October 1999, at 11.30am.

The presidents of the Anglican-Lutheran Society have expressed their condolences to the Roe family. The Rt Rev Erik Vikström, Lutheran Bishop of Borgå (Porvoo), Finland, wrote under the heading "Transfiguration true!" the following message: "As the Lutheran co-president of the Anglican-Lutheran Society, I send my condolences and deep regrets over the death of the Rt Rev Bishop Gordon Roe. He went home to God on the night of the very Sunday which we here in Finland celebrate as the day of the Transfiguration of Christ Jesus. This is the direction and destination of our Anglican-Lutheran common way as it is for all Christians: to share the bright beauty of Christ! May Bishop Gordon rest in peace, blessed be his soul. + Erik."

The Very Rev John Arnold, Dean of Durham, England, wrote: "It was with deep sorrow that I learned of the sudden death of our Anglican co-moderator, Bishop Gordon Roe. Much of his ministry was spent here in Durham where he left a good memory. I keep on meeting people whose lives he touched at significant moments; it was a special gift he had. My last memory of him is of a very happy Anglican-Lutheran occasion, the opening of the Meissen Library here. A splendid double portrait of him and Bishop Knuth of Schleswig hangs there, a fitting memorial to a scholar, pastor, ecumenist and faithful servant of Jesus Christ. May he rest in peace and rise in glory."

Speaking on behalf of the Society's Committee, the Rev Ronald T Englund, Lutheran co-moderator, said that "we mourn with Mary Roe and her family over this untimely loss. We are thankful for the wise leadership which Gordon Roe gave to



The Rt Rev Gordon Roe, retired bishop of Huntingdon and Anglican co-moderator of the Anglican-Lutheran Society, died 19 July 1999.

our Society. We are grateful for the privilege of knowing him during these past two years. He will be sorely missed by all of us."

The Rev Brian J. Coleman of Guildford and his wife, Alison, represented the Anglican-Lutheran Society at the funeral of Bishop Roe. He reports on the moving Requiem Mass:

"27 July was a beautiful, sunny day in Bournemouth. The Church of St John the Baptist, Moordown, was the church where Gordon Roe had begun his Christian life and where, in the Youth Fellowship, he had met his wife, Mary. It was the church to which he returned on his retirement. Now it was the place where he would be laid to rest in its churchyard. The church was full for the Requiem Mass, which was celebrated by the Bishop of Winchester, the Rt Rev Michael Scott-Joynt, assisted by the Vicar of St John's, the Rev Allan Swain. The Bishop of Ely, the Rt Rev Dr Stephen Sykes, conducted the Intercessions, and the address was given by the Rev Peter Townley, Victor of St Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. In addition to the hymns, a full choir sang the Russian Contakion, 'Christ be with you' and 'Spirit

of the Living God.' The readings included an excerpt from the medieval writing, 'The Cloud of Unknowing'.

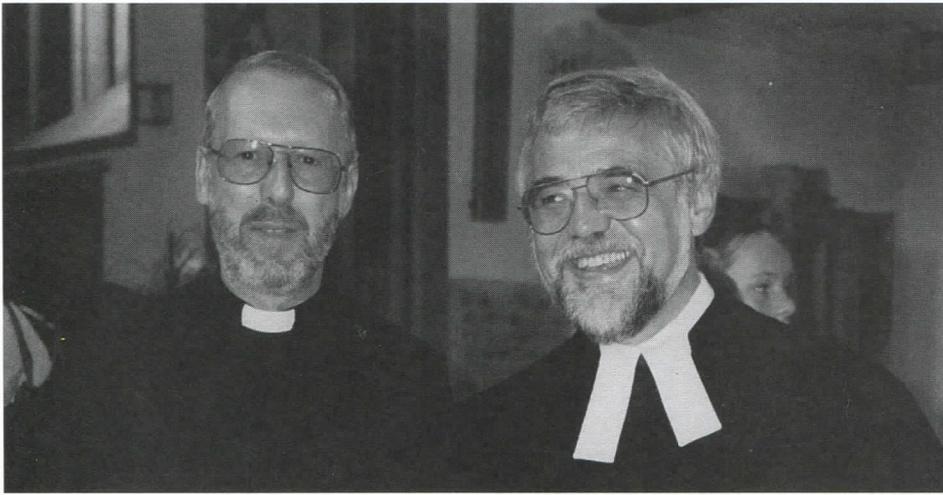
"The preacher began with part of the familiar German grace: 'Komm, Herr Jesus, sei unser Gast.' He recalled Gordon's long life of service, his sense of humour, his total involvement both at Durham and as Bishop of Huntingdon in the Diocese of Ely, and his able chairmanship of the Meissen Follow-Up Commission from 1991-1996. He spoke movingly of him as a family man also. I myself will miss Bishop Gordon very much, both his chairmanship of meetings of the Executive of the Anglican-Lutheran Society and his companionship on last year's visit to Leipzig. It was a privilege for Alison and myself to represent the Society at his funeral", Brian Coleman concluded.

## Last call for International Conference in Cambridge

Preparations for this year's international conference at Westcott House, Cambridge, England, have now been finalised. The conference from 10-13 September 1999 will take as its theme 'Justification: What it means for today?' The topic chosen for the ALS international conference has gained a new ecumenical dimension. Exactly 482 years after Luther's 95 Theses were first published, on 31 October 1999, Roman-Catholics and Lutherans will be signing an agreement in Augsburg, Germany, to resolve their historic conflicts on justification.

A number of experts have been invited to guide participants in their search for the modern and 'human' face of a doctrine which is often associated with intricate theological debate. Lecturing and leading the discussion on justification, which Lutherans call "the article by which the Church stands or falls" will be Bishop Rupert Hoare, newly appointed Dean of Liverpool, Bishop Hans Christian Knuth, Lutheran Bishop in Schleswig as well as the Rev Dr Jaako Rusama, formerly of the Academy of Finland, and Dr Richard Rex of the Cambridge Divinity Faculty.

The cost for the conference will be £160, which includes room and board. Day visitors are most welcome. Registration is £7 per day, plus the cost of meals. Please contact Canon Guy Smith, 11 Church Walk, Arley Kings, Stourport, DY13 0AL, England, Tel./Fax. +44 (0)1229 822281. Welcome to all or part of the weekend.



Canon Bob White (left), vicar of the Anglican parish of St Thomas of Canterbury, Brentwood, Essex, England and Pastor Karl Eberlein of the Stadtkirche in Roth, Bavaria, Germany, are leaders in the growing ecumenical relationship between the two parish churches. Members of the German Lutheran congregation visited the Anglican parish in August.

## Bavarian Lutherans visit Essex Anglicans

Anglican-Lutheran relations are flourishing between St Thomas of Canterbury, a Church of England parish in Brentwood, Essex, and the Stadtkirche in Roth, a Bavarian town south of Nuremberg, Germany. Pastor Peter Görtz of the German Lutheran congregation led a group of 13 parishioners on a visit to the Anglican parish, north-east of London, from July 30 to August 3. Annual visits are made back and forth as the two congregations have grown closer through their formal link.

Father White, vicar of St Thomas, tells the history of this Anglican-Lutheran link: "In May 1991, we travelled to the Bavarian town of Roth to set up a link between the two town churches of Brentwood and Roth. For some years the town of Roth had been officially 'twinned' with Brentwood, and a good relationship already existed at a civic level. Our enthusiasm was shared by the Evangelical Lutheran Priest in Roth – Pastor Peter Görtz. In the autumn of the same year the first contingent of parishioners from Brentwood

went to stay with their counterparts in Roth. The following year we hosted a group from Roth. Since that time, there have been annual exchanges, and a growing friendship has developed between the two congregations."

"At the beginning, our exchanges were arranged with a fairly formal programme of services and discussions during which we addressed various subjects such as baptism, eucharist and ordination – in order that we could begin to understand the theology and practice of our respective churches", Father White explained. "This had the effect of breaking down barriers between our congregations. The exchanges now are much more relaxed, and have become simply opportunities for the two congregations to get to know each other better and to catch up on each other's news. Shared worship is an important part of the exchanges. It is very much hoped that this special link will continue to flourish."

## Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town affirms vision of unity for Anglicans and Lutherans

"There are some exciting developments in African Anglican-Lutheran dialogue", the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town said in July during his "President's Charge" to the Provincial Synod of the Church of the Province of Southern African (CPSA). The Most Rev. Winston Njongonkulu Ndungane, who is the successor to Archbishop Desmond Tutu, told delegates who met from July 12-20 at the Durban Campus of the University of Natal that the goal of Anglicans and Lutherans in Africa is full communion and visible unity.

He briefly reviewed the history of dialogue between the two churches: "Four consultations have taken place in this dialogue since 1992. The report of the last meeting that was held in Johannesburg in 1997 spelled out

the following: the goal; elements towards declaration of mutual recognition; commitments to further steps toward full communion; proposals for immediate joint action. The Johannesburg Consultation also appointed an interim committee to carry forward the preparatory work."

He added that "at its last meeting in March of this year, it defined its vision as follows: The vision which guides our deliberations is that of a United African Church with an African identity in which Anglicans and Lutherans are in full communion and visible unity with one another. We look forward to a unique liturgical unity so that we may worship God as one Church. We hope for a spirit of generosity which will accommodate our cultural and regional

## Anglican Bishop of Ottawa to new centre in Rome

The Rt Rev John A. Baycroft, Anglican Bishop of Ottawa, will begin his ministry as director of the Anglican Centre in Rome in September. A member of ALS, he has been through the years very interested and involved in Lutheran-Catholic dialogue as well as Lutheran-Anglican/Episcopal dialogue.

In a letter to the ALS, Baycroft notes that "in particular I have tried to see whether Anglicans are consistent in their approach in various bilateral dialogues, not only with different denominational partners, but also with partners of the same denomination in different parts of the world. This has been a bit of a challenge in comparing the different kinds of experience in Europe with our two slightly different approaches in Canada and the United States."

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## Industrial mission and the diaconate

Capt. Peter J. Hayler, chaplain at the Newport & Gwent Industrial Mission in Wales, is seeking links with people in the Porvoo Communion who are involved with industrial mission and who are either deacons or consider their work to be diaconal. He is beginning to read for a Master's degree on the subject at St Michael's College, Llandaff, Wales. Hayler is a member of the Church Army, an Anglican society made up of men and women in lay evangelistic work.

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differences so that we can celebrate our God-given diversity. We commit ourselves to the proclamation and teaching of the gospel as our primary task. We hope to foster ecumenical fellowship throughout all levels of our churches and to be steadfast in the task of evangelism, mission and social activities as imperatives of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

The Archbishop concluded: "Once more, as the CPSA, we are challenged to seize the opportunity offered to us by God and to recommit ourselves to make our contribution in both the church and in humble obedience to our Lord's high-priestly prayer, 'May they be one as you and I are one.' I will be consulting with the Synod of Bishops on how to take this ecumenical agenda forward."

## Plans for first Porvoo Day celebrations in Finland

The first Porvoo Day in Porvoo, Finland, will be held on Monday, 11 October to commemorate the anniversary of the birth of the Porvoo Communion of the Nordic and Baltic Lutheran with the British and Irish Anglican Churches. It was on 11 October 1992 that the Anglican President of the Anglican-Lutheran Society and Bishop of Grimsby, the Rt Rev David Tustin, preached at Porvoo Cathedral at an ecumenical service which was part of the final talks between the representatives of the Porvoo Communion Churches.

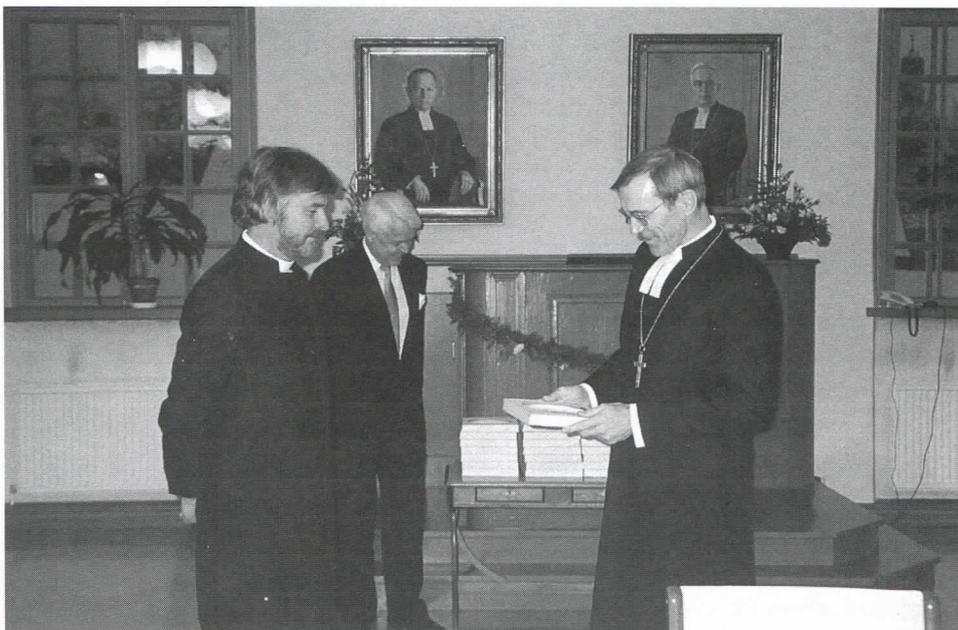
Porvoo Cathedral itself dates from the late 13th century. One of its windows was chosen as the well-known symbol of the Porvoo process. The participants of the historic 1992 conference came to Porvoo, a medieval town half an hour's drive east of Helsinki, from Järvenpää where the actual talks took place. It was a picturesque scene seven years ago when the participants were surprised by heavy snowfall in the morning of the historic day.

Porvoo Day will be held at the invitation of the Lutheran President of the ALS and Bishop of Borgå/Porvoo, the Rt Rev Dr Erik Vikström. It has been organized by the ALS in co-operation with the Anglican Church in Finland, the Diocese of Porvoo and local Lutheran congregations.

The day's programme will centre on a seminar at Porvoo Diocesan Chapter House. In his key note address the Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross (Ireland), the Rt Rev Paul Colton, will address the subject of church and secular society. Bishop Colton was among the clergy who took part in the ecumenical service in Porvoo Cathedral in 1992. Other speakers at the seminar include the Bishop of Borgå/Porvoo, Dr Erik Vikström, who will be reflecting on the Porvoo process. The Rev Rupert Moreton, the Anglican chaplain of Helsinki, will shed some light on the Anglican Church in Finland, while the Dean of Borgå/Porvoo, the Very Rev Lars Schmidt, will introduce his Cathedral. The day will conclude with a Eucharist in the Cathedral. Following the service, Bishop Vikström has invited participants to meet informally over a cup of tea and coffee at the Bishop's House. Lay people and clergy who are interested to learn more about the Porvoo Communion are most welcome to attend this commemorative day. In order to enable guests to participate fully, lectures will be translated into Finnish, Swedish and English.

Please write, phone or fax by September 30, 1999, should you wish to attend. Contact the Porvoo Diocesan Chapter, P.O. Box 30, FIN-06101 Porvoo, Finland, Phone +358-19-529 7700; or Fax +358-19-585 705.

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Three of the church leaders in Finland who are preparing for the first Porvoo Day celebrations on October 11. From left: The Very Rev Lars Schmidt, Dean of Borgå/Porvoo; Kaj Rosendahl, Canon responsible for legal matters; and the Rt Rev Dr Erik Vikström, Bishop of Borgå/Porvoo and Lutheran president of the Anglican-Lutheran Society.

## Books for sale from Anglican-Lutheran Society

The Society is ready to sell books again and to help readers of *The Window* to find books which are related to the Lutheran and the Anglican churches. Following are a list of books currently available at the ALS offices in London. Because books on the Lutheran church are not readily available in the UK, we offer a number of titles which are more easily obtained in the USA. We also have a few books which are not easily found in the USA and Canada. Following are books we have in stock (prices are in UK pounds sterling; for US prices, multiply UK price by 1.6):

### Luther and Lutheranism

*Augsburg Confession*, Fortress, £1.00+30 pence postage.

Bainton (ed.): *Martin Luther's Christmas Book*, Augsburg, £8.00+£2 postage.

Braaten: *Justification: The Article by which the Church Stands or Falls*, Fortress, £12.50+£2 postage.

Braaten and Jensen: *Union with Christ, The New Finnish Interpretation of Luther*, Eerdmans, £16+£2 postage.

Gassman and Hendrix: *Fortress Introduction to the Lutheran Confessions*, Fortress, £12+£2 postage.

Gritsch: *Fortress Introduction to Lutheranism*, Fortress, £11+£2 postage.

Gritsch (ed.): *Martin Luther: Faith in Christ and the Gospel*, New City Press, £8.50+£2 postage.

Lazareth and Rasolondraibe: *Lutheran Identity and Mission*, Fortress, £11+£2 postage.

Luther: *Small Catechism*, Augsburg-Fortress, £1+30 pence postage.

*Lutheran Book of Worship* (pew edition, with music), Augsburg, £13+£3 postage

### Books on Sale – priced to clear!

Three books on discussions between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Episcopal Church:

Norgren and Rusch (edd.): *Towards Full Communion and Concordat of Agreement: Lutheran-Episcopal Dialogue III*, Augsburg, £2+£1.50 postage.

Griffis and Martinsen (ed.): *Commentary on "Concordat of Agreement"*, Augsburg, £4+£2 postage.

Martinson (ed.): *Concordat of Agreement: Supporting Essays*, Augsburg, £5+£2 postage.

### Other books on sale

Rusama: *Unity and Compassion: Moral Issues in the Life of George K A Bell*, £2+50 pence postage.

Podmore: *The German Evangelical Church: an Introduction*, £2+50 pence postage.

*Porvoo Common Statement*, £1.50+£1 postage.

*Porvoo Declaration – Study Guide*, £1+50 pence postage.

*The Meissen Agreement Texts*, £1+50 pence postage.

*Report of The Meissen Commission, 1991-1996*, £2+£1 postage.

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finnish Society*, £1+50 pence postage.

Send orders to ALS (address on p. 4.) Enclose cheque in UK pounds sterling or US dollars payable to "Anglican-Lutheran Society." These books will also be available at the ALS International Conference at Westcott House.

## Conference to launch Cambridge Centre for Ecumenical Studies

A Centre for Ecumenical Studies at Westcott House, an Anglican theological college in Cambridge, England, will open with a conference from 15-17 September 1999. Ecumenical leaders from various countries will speak on the conference theme: "Ecumenism: Prospects on entering the Third Millennium". The meetings will follow immediately after the Anglican-Lutheran Society's international conference on "Justification" which will also be held at Westcott House.

The Rev Dr Jeremy N. Morris, director of the Centre, says that the new institute will aim to provide "a resource for ecumenical dialogue at all levels involving the Anglican Communion, and especially the Church of England." It will be open to visiting scholars, clergy and others requiring access to a library documenting ecumenical dialogues and initiatives in which Anglicans have been involved.

Father Morris adds that "our aim is that the Centre should be an unrivalled resource for those who are interested in the history of the ecumenical movement, the current state of official conversations on church unity and questions of ecumenical method." He explains that "it promises to be the first and only institute of its kind in Britain."

Westcott House, which is a founding member of the Cambridge Theological Federation,

is an ideal location for this exciting new ecumenical venture. The Federation already includes Anglican, Methodist, United Reformed and Roman Catholic institutes, and the ecumenical East Anglia Ministerial Training Course. It is also an associate in the new Institute for Jewish-Christian Relations. A college for training Eastern Orthodox students will be established as a member of the Federation by the start of Michaelmas Term 1999.

Speakers at the opening conference will include at least one Lutheran, Dr Michael J. Root, professor of systematic theology at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, USA. He is a leading international ecumenist and is former director of the Institute for Ecumenical Research, a Lutheran Foundation for Interconfessional Research in Strasbourg, France, as well as an observer at the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission. The Very Rev John Arnold, Dean of Durham, England, and Anglican president of the Anglican-Lutheran Society, will also address the conference.

For further information on the Centre for Ecumenical Studies, contact Father J.N. Morris, Westcott House, Jesus Lane, Cambridge CB5 8BP, England. Phone: +44 (0)1223 741000; fax: +44 (0)1223 741002; e-mail: jnm20@cam.ac.uk

## About People

The Lutheran co-moderator of the Anglican-Lutheran Society, the Rev **Ronald T Englund**, has been elected Dean of the Southeast Massachusetts Conference of the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. His responsibilities will involve 13 congregations south of Boston and including Cape Cod. He sees his election as an opportunity to foster Anglican-Lutheran relationships and other ecumenical concerns in the area.

The Rt Rev **Rupert Hoare**, Anglican Bishop of Dudley, England, has been appointed the next Dean of Liverpool. He will be a speaker at the Society's International Conference in Cambridge, England, from September 10-13. Bishop Hoare and his wife, **Gesine Hoare**, are members of the Anglican-Lutheran Society.

The Anglican-Lutheran Society's national representative in Finland, the Rev Dr **Jaakko Rusama**, has finished his term as Assistant Director at the Academy of Finland and is now doing full-time research. He continues to live in Helsinki.

Two members of the Anglican-Lutheran Society are the past president and new president of the Lutheran Ecumenical Representatives

Network (LERN) in the USA. The Rev **Thomas A. Prinz**, pastor of Nativity Lutheran Church in Alexandria, Virginia, completed four years as LERN's president in May. The Rev Dr **Robert A Kriesat**, pastor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Chatham, New Jersey, was elected president of LERN. This organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America involves representatives from the church's 65 synods. (A synod in the ELCA is equivalent to an Anglican diocese.)

Although the following news is nearly a year old, *The Window* has not yet reported that the Bishop of Peterborough, the Rt Rev **Ian Cundy**, has succeeded the Bishop of Grimsby, The Rt Rev **David Tustin**, as chairman of the Council for Christian Unity of the Church of England. Bishop David recently concluded his term as a President of the Anglican-Lutheran Society.

Editors' note: We invite readers to send us news for this new "About people" column as well as for other pages of *The Window*. We are especially interested in items about members of ALS and others who are involved in relationships between Lutheran and Anglican churches.

## Brian Coleman returns

The Rev Brian J. Coleman of Guildford, England, has been co-opted to the Anglican-Lutheran Society Committee, following the vacancy created by the death of Bishop Gordon Roe. He only left the Committee last March, when he completed two terms as the Society's treasurer. We are grateful for his help.

## Introducing the ALS

The Anglican-Lutheran Society was founded in 1984 to promote closer relationships between the two traditions. With some 200 members in 16 countries, the Society sponsors events, exchanges information, publishes *The Window*, and encourages prayer for the unity of the church, and especially between Anglicans and Lutherans world-wide.

We invite you to consider membership in our Society. Annual membership fees are UK£15 (US\$25) for individuals; UK£20 (US\$35) for couples; UK£30 (US\$50) for groups. Members in Finland, Germany and Sweden may pay in their own currency. To become a member, send your name and address with a cheque payable in pounds sterling to: The Anglican-Lutheran Society, c/o Canon Guy Smith, 11 Church Walk, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcs. DY13 0AL, England. For US dollar payments, send cheque to the Rev Dr Scott S Ickert, 6201 North Washington Blvd, Arlington, VA 22205-2099, USA.

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