

Concordat of Intercommunion

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The Most Rev'd Jonathan T Bennett-Hughes

United Temple of the Spirit

Province of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland

Metropolitan Archbishop

Concordat of Intercommunion

between

United Temple of the Spirit

Province of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland

and

Church Name

To all who shall see these presents, grace and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord:

Whereas the **United Temple of the Spirit:** Province of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and [Church Name] share a common heritage, mission, vision, theology, and philosophy of ministry in the Old Catholic and Liberal Tradition; and

Whereas, each of our jurisdiction have prayed and worked for the greater unity within the Body of Christ, and;

Whereas, each of our jurisdictions recognises the mutual benefit that comes, in the form of gifts, talents, and support, that greater cooperation and association can bring; and,

Whereas, “Each Communion recognises the catholicity and independence of the other and maintains its own” (1); and,

Whereas, “Each Communion agrees to admit members of the other Communion to participate in the Sacraments” (2); and,

Whereas, “Intercommunion does not require from either Communion the acceptance of all doctrinal opinion, sacramental devotion, or liturgical practice characteristic of the other, but implies that each believes the other to hold all the essentials for the Christian Faith”; there,

We, the undersigned, the Metropolitan Archbishop of the **United Temple of the Spirit**, Province of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and the [TITLE] of [CHURCH NAME], operating under Divine protection and favour of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and acting Canonically on behalf of our respective jurisdictions, do hereby declare and affirm our mutual love, respect, and recognition of each other as a bonafede Catholic Branch of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

That we do hereby affirm the absolute validity and legitimacy of each other as duly and validly consecrated Bishops in the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; and,

Thereby bind themselves to one another through this Concordat, whereby, each jurisdiction retains its distinct identity but embraces fully each other's Catholicity and Mission; and

That we do hereby encourage the clergy and people of our respective jurisdictions to share and participate fully each with each other, as though one, and

That we hereby recognise the ordinations of each other's Deacons, Priests, and Bishops, and do encourage and welcome an interchangeability of the same in all our parishes, missions and ministries; and

That we do hereby pledge ourselves to seeking additional avenues for greater cooperation and unity amongst ourselves and with others who share our heritage, mission, theology and philosophy of ministry exclusively for the Glory of Christ and the Good of His Church.

† In Nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, Amen †



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