

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ENGLAND

A guide to understanding *A New Framework for Local Unity in Mission*

Explanatory Note

- a. The March 2017 Enabling Group meeting asked the Board to consider the need for various pieces of work¹ but also requested a report to the September 2017 meeting:

We instruct the staff of CTE, in consultation with the Working Party and other appropriate colleagues, to prepare and publish guidance for Member Churches on the implementation of *A New Framework for Local Unity in Mission*. That should include further consideration of the nature of oversight and the provision of some working examples. The Board is asked to oversee this process, to authorise the circulation of the document when it is ready, and to report back to the next meeting.

- b. The guidance requested by the Enabling Group is a work in progress and the *Guide to understanding...* addresses only the first part of *A New Framework*, the vision part. (The second part is about consequences.) The *Guide* has been approved by the National Ecumenical Officers involved in drafting *A New Framework*.
- c. The Board requested further consideration of the nature of oversight and the provision of some working examples. Paragraphs 9 and 10 address this briefly but if the Board wishes further consideration, we suggest that this needs to be done in a further document as we are keen that this *Guide to understanding* remains within two sides of A4.
- d. The National Ecumenical Officers also question whether working examples would, in fact, be helpful, or whether headings would be better, things that should be included in each type of agreement.

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¹ The full text of the resolutions was published on the website: www.cte.org.uk/Anewframework