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Report from LCA/UCA Dialogue as required by the
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TASKS REQUIRED

1. This task has been completed. We began by incorporating the feedback from both churches and at the February meeting of the dialogue the shape of the document – At The Table – was significantly rearranged. The Chronicle part of it was removed and will be published at a later date. Some parts of the document were designated to be rewritten in light of the feedback. Further feedback was sought from three readers from each church and this was discussed and incorporated. The updated ATT document was discussed at two further Zoom meetings held on 23rd May and 21st June, 2022. This document will come before the ASC on Nov 13th, 2022. The ATT document has been discussed at the recent LCA Pastor's Conference and they have recommended that it be sent to the LCA Synod in 2023 to be received and adopted by them.
2. Task two has been completed.
3. Task three will be a significant part of our work in the upcoming dialogue meeting (7-8 November).
4. The LCA is bringing major proposals about the ordination of women to their Synod in February 2023.

HOW THE TASK GROUP WILL WORK.

I believe we are working as the ASC expects and in particular under

5. We have prepared a paper demonstrating how the gospel and mission are a significant part of the Basis of Union. And under
6. I am talking with the SACC on Nov 16 sharing with them the work we are doing in the LCA/UCA Dialogue

After a conversation with Rob Floyd at which he expressed concerns for the costs of the dialogue meeting in Horsham we are meeting at the Centre of Ministry in Melbourne. Our Lutheran colleagues are extremely supportive of the Dialogue and agreed to this change. The meetings were originally set in Horsham because of the conservative nature of the LCA in that area and it was thought it might help to have the presence of a dialogue meeting there. We had several joint area meetings where local people were invited and the last one was extremely interesting when local people were very happy to share in worship and the eucharist in either the LCA or the UCA.

We look forward to hearing how the "At The Table" document was received.

Peace and with Grace

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna Grant-Henderson", written over a horizontal line.

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Co-chair LCA/UCA Dialogue