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Dear Revd Kalin and Revd Dr Holmberg,

Thank you for your 26 November letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury concerning the recent developments in the General Assembly of the Church of Sweden, which has been passed to me for reply.

As you know, the chairmen of the Church of England's Council for Christian Unity and its Faith and Order Advisory Group replied on 26 June 2009 to the Archbishop of Uppsala's March 2009 circular letter, setting out the Church of England's viewpoint. This has not changed.

That letter generated some intense discussion at the recent Porvoo Contact Group meeting in Finland, resulting in a decision to take forward a Church of England proposal to hold a Porvoo Consultation on Christian marriage in 2011, which will give a fuller theological, ecumenical and missiological context in which to consider the Swedish developments. In the meantime there will be ongoing discussions between the Church of England and the Church of Sweden.

We do hope that the above has been helpful, and assure you and the Church of Sweden of our prayers.

With all good wishes

Yours sincerely

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