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This will be only a short mailing. I enclose Martin Cressey's talk from the very enlightening June meeting on the Canberra Statement. I particularly draw your attention to forthcoming events.

On Saturday 26 October, we have a meeting at St Stephen's House, Oxford, on the subject of the 'Filioque' in recent ecumenical dialogue. Bishop Kallistos Ware will be talking about this from the point of view of the orthodox Church, and Fr. Tom Weinandy, of Greyfriars, Oxford, from the point of view of the Roman Catholic Church and the Western theological tradition. We aim to start at about 11am and go on till about 3.30. Coffee and tea should be available; please bring a packed lunch. St Stephen's House is in Marston Street, about 3-4 minutes walk from Magdalen Bridge. From there, you should go down the Iffley Road to get to it.

Our AGM will be at Church House, Great Smith St, SW1, on February 7 1997, at 4.30 pm. Mary Tanner will be talking to us about the progress of World Council work on ecclesiology. More details of this will reach you before the meeting. I am in the process of trying to set up a meeting in late Spring or June 1997 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Church of South India, and the later birth of the other united churches in the sub-continent.

Our ecclesiology seminar, at Heythrop continues. We have two meetings booked for this term. On Wednesday 23 October, Rev. Colin Davey will talk to us about the problems of ethnicity and Orthodox ecclesiology. On Wednesday 27 November, Rev. David Chapman will address us on the subject of authority in the thought of Jean Tillard, the subject of his current doctoral research. Both seminars will be at 5 pm. Next term Rev. Dr Nicholas Sagovsky, Dean of Clare College, Cambridge, and a member of ARCIC, has promised to talk about koinonia in the light of his own research into the classical and patristic background, on which he will be giving the Hulsean Lectures later this term. I will confirm the date later.

Considerable interest has been shown in the 75th anniversary of the pioneering Malines Conversations. A big celebration was held at Malines at the end of August, and papers will be published from it. Those wanting details can contact our Belgian member, Rev. Pierre Parré. A little later, the meeting of the Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary, meeting in Bristol, gave considerable attention to the same topic. A particularly interesting paper was given by Fr Bernard Barlow, OSM. I understand he is to publish a book on the subject in November, produced by the Canterbury Press.

Finally, members will all be aware of the immense importance of the 'Called To Be One Process'. We hope everyone

will be able to play their full part in the reception and evaluation of this ecclesiological process.

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