

Mandate of the Delegates

of the Anglican Communion

(nominated with the agreement of the Archbishop of Canterbury)

Bishop John Packer, Leeds and Ripon, England

of the Fellowship of the Churches members of the World Council of Churches

(nominated with the agreement of the General Secretary of the W.C.C.)

Reverend Dr Ruth Patterson, minister in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

of the Orthodox Churches

(nominated with the agreement of the Patriarch of Constantinople)

Bishop Georges Abou Zakhem, Homs, Syria

of the Catholic Church

(nominated with the agreement of the Pontifical Council for the Laity)

Bishop Guy Harpigny, Tournai, Belgium

for the Faith and Light International Association

1. The delegates of the Churches are called to help Faith and Light to be faithful to its Charter and to make sure that the members of their Church who are also members of Faith and Light communities are able to live out and deepen their vocation in the movement. In the name of their Church, they will together bring their support to the Faith and Light movement so that it will live out the ecumenical dimension of its vocation and mission.
2. If necessary, they will help to bring better information on the movement and its ecumenical vision to the ecclesiastical, national and local authorities, in the countries where Faith and Light exists.
3. They will help the Churches they represent to recognise and benefit from the spirituality of Faith and Light. They give witness that God truly chooses the foolish and the weak to confound the wise and powerful of the world and that they are an invitation to love and a source of unity amongst Christians.
4. They help Churches to be sensitive to the specific pain of parents who have a child with disabilities and to the pain of the rejection of society which is frequently added to that.
5. They will remain in regular contact with those who have approved their nomination for Faith and Light.
6. Once every two years, they will be invited to a meeting of exchanges and reflection on the occasion of a meeting of the Management Committee or the International Council of Faith and Light, a meeting to which the Ecumenical Commission or its delegate could also be invited. The delegates could also be occasionally invited to other international meetings.
7. The International Coordinator will keep the delegates of the Churches regularly informed about the development of Faith and Light, in particular on the links, as provided in the Charter, between the Faith and Life communities and the local Churches.
8. This mandate is for six years and can be renewed.