

The Diocese of Luleå, Church of Sweden
The Diocese of Norwich, Church of England

The Norwich – Luleå Link

Background

The agreement which is at the heart of the ecumenical relationship between our two dioceses is the Porvoo Common Statement (www.porvoochurches.org/intro/htm)

Aim

To create and develop an enduring and fruitful friendship between our two dioceses, as an expression of the Body of Christ, by exploring:

1. What we can give to each other
2. What we can receive from each other
3. How we can work together

Praxis

To encourage our laity, priests, deacons and bishops at diocesan, parish and the individual level to work towards a shared manifestation of the 'Body of Christ' through sharing experience and knowledge from our two backgrounds.

To draw up a yearly plan in which we can set up the achievable aims for the coming year, and also to be the base for each year's evaluation. These can include aspects such as:

- Diocesan, parish or individual visits to each others diocese
- Sharing in ordinations, consecrations and other important events
- Links to develop common aims on Mission/Continuing ministerial education/Worship/prayer
- To establish a '*Luleå-Norwich Sunday*' in each Diocese
- Commit each Diocese to pray for the other regularly, including during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January)
- To encourage our two traditions of Church music to meet and exchange experiences and ideas
- To share our experiences of the church's call to the diaconate, and the church's continuing work amongst the socially disadvantage in our societies.
- To explore the ways in which the place of the laity in the church can be strengthened and developed
- To affirm the voluntary nature of much of the church's work, and to seek new ways to develop and encourage the growth of such work.
- To encourage the children and youth of our diocese to work at developing meaningful and long lasting links.
- To maintain and develop the links between our two Cathedrals.

Mission

In all that we do, we will constantly seek after the Will of God for our dioceses and for our relationship with each other through Jesus Christ.