

I. Foreword

II. Instructions for Case-Studies

- 1) Read the five attached case-studies carefully and analyse them as to their value as illustrations of ecumenical encounter.
- 2) These case-studies have suggested to us the following, as questions which should be considered in planning an experiment of ecumenical cooperation at the local level. Do you find other questions which come out of these studies?

III. Questions

- 1) What is the best way to initiate an ecumenical encounter in your community?
  - by bringing together a small group of like-minded individuals to plan it?
  - by inviting a group of organizations or churches to cooperate in the planning?
  - by organizing ecumenical meetings for observance of special days?
    - . Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
    - . World Day of Prayer
    - . Christmas, Easter, etc.
- 2) What real-life situations or particular needs are there in your community to which an ecumenical group might respond?
- 3) Do you need the cooperation of church authorities or other individuals or organizations in the community to remedy this situation?
- 4) What events in church or society have taken place which will affect the success of your experiment, or will determine when it would be timely?
- 5) If, in the development of your ecumenical project, you find it cannot be carried out within the existing church structures, would you find it possible to continue?
- 6) What are the ultimate goals of our endeavour?
  - Christian fellowship and unity?
  - Christian witness and common action in response to community need?
  - Deepen our understanding of each other and of our Faith?
- 7) What reservations do we need to overcome within ourselves before we are ready to commit ourselves to give the time and energy necessary to make an ecumenical experiment in our community successful?
- 8) What do you see as the follow-up of this action in your community?  
What provisions do you need to make to ensure it is carried out?

- To extend the boundaries of ecumenism beyond our faith  
*Basic question*