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From: Revd Michael Cooke, County Ecumenical Officer for Kent
and Secretary to Churches Together in Kent (both roles until 30th April 2009)

To: All Local Ecumenical Partnerships, All Churches Together / Christians Together Groups,
and Councils of Churches,
within Kent, Medway and the London Boroughs of Bexley and Bromley
All Members of CTKent's Council

Date: 29th April 2009

Announcements: (1) Stepping-down of County Ecumenical Officer, and (2) Appointment of a Researcher for CTKent

As you may already know, having served more than two 5-year terms I am stepping down on 30th April 2009 as County Ecumenical Officer for Kent and Secretary of Churches Together in Kent.

There is to be no immediate direct replacement – instead Churches Together in Kent has appointed a researcher, Revd David Vannerley, to undertake a radical review of ecumenical working in Kent and Medway, in order to establish a fresh vision and new strategies to help us engage in effective mission.

At each stage of the research project, the brief will be determined and agreed in consultation with Churches Together in Kent. Further details of the role as advertised are available on Churches Together in Kent's website.

David Vannerley is a priest in the Anglican diocese of Canterbury currently attached to the Team Parish of St Lawrence-in-Thamet (Ramsgate). He has previously done development work for the diocese and also undertaken research at Canterbury, Christ Church University. He is a family man and has a deep interest in Christian Education. David's contact details are:-

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On-going Support, Advice and Information

At its meeting on 30th March 2009 the Council of Churches Together in Kent considered and agreed how current ongoing ecumenical work across Kent should, where necessary, be supported and co-ordinated while the above research is undertaken by David. A full description of our support and advice arrangements is given in the Council Minutes of the above meeting (available on our website). Some issues, like those for updating our website are still under discussion. Pro tem, our e-mail addresses ctk-7@ctkent.org.uk and ctk-7web@ctkent.org.uk will forward to the relevant contacts. But if in doubt, **for all on-going practical issues affecting LEPs and local Churches Together Groups, news and changes of officer etc etc please contact in the first instance one or more of the Denominational Ecumenical Officers (or, in their absence, the relevant Church Leader) serving your area.** Their details are given on the attached sheet.

For myself, I am not going away – I continue to serve my two small parishes. It has been a joy, pleasure and privilege to try to further the cross-church agenda of the kingdom in our area. The Church Leaders and I wish the next steps of our common journey every success and blessing.

Yours sincerely

Michael Cooke

Enc. Denominational Contacts for on-going ecumenical issues/news

Denominational Contacts for on-going Ecumenical Issues/News within Kent, Medway and the London Boroughs of Bexley and Bromley

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See also the Minutes of CTKent's Council Meeting, held on 30th March 2009
(available on www.ctkent.org.uk)

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