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**STATEMENT OF AIMS OF CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CUMBRIA: APRIL 2020**

Churches Together in Cumbria (CTiC) provides the framework for cooperation and partnership among the churches in the county for mission and social action. Its members currently comprise  the four churches which are directly engaged in a *covenant* partnership (the Church of England, the Methodist Church, the Salvation Army and the United Reformed Church in Cumbria) and the four churches (the Baptist Church, the Church of Scotland, the Roman Catholic Church and the Religious Society of Friends) which have declared their *companionship* with the covenant partners, together  with the Orthodox Church and Churches in Communities International.  It encourages independent churches to participate in its activities.  It appreciates the level of support and leadership given by them in some local Churches Together groups and will seek to encourage stronger working relationships with such churches across the county. In regard to social action CTiC looks beyond the churches and seeks active engagement with all who share its concern.

CTiC endorses the ‘God for All’ vision which is being promoted by churches in Cumbria.  The God for All logo is now used alongside the CTiC logo in affirmation of this.

CTiC welcomes the establishment of Mission Communities across the county and encourages all churches to engage actively with the covenant partners in the creation and sustaining of such Communities.

CTiC will provide information, advice and support to all Denominations, Churches, CT groups and Mission Communities in the county which accept the aims and objectives of CTiC and will seek to foster co-operation between them all.

CTiC will provide in 2020 £1,000 for an ‘Ecumenical Initiatives Fund’ and £1,000 for a ‘Social Responsibility discretionary fund’ demonstrating the Trustees’ commitment to the imperatives of mission and prayer and of social action.