

Two, to search out how Christian Churches, and those of Christian persuasion, could play their part in healing the deep-seated ills of colonisation.

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God give us hope and support;  
God be our light and our way;  
And the blessing of God,  
Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life,  
remain with us now and forever.  
Amen.

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***Āmine***