



all-party parliamentary group

appg faith and society

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Statement of Hope

In the summer of 2016, we find ourselves in difficult times as a nation. The reverberating context of the economic crash of 2008 and the growth of terrorism, crisis and wars in recent years have resulted in a great movement of people, which has led to distant problems rippling into our local settings. The European Referendum campaign and its aftermath have served as a lightning rod, and the result is great concern about uncertainty and intolerance.

The **All-Party Parliamentary Group on Faith and Society** was formed to support and promote the work of faith organisations in the United Kingdom. Faith groups are often the very glue of society; they provide a place for people to come together, they seek out solutions, and they provide hope. We want to affirm these values of *community* and *hope* for the United Kingdom today.

Today, we need to draw on this legacy for the whole of the United Kingdom.

We, the undersigned, agree...

- That the United Kingdom has been and will continue to be a place of *tolerance* and *sanctuary*;
- That this nation has been and will continue to be at the forefront of the development of *democracy*, *rights* and *freedom*, that we are proud of these traditions, and that they are our most lasting export;
- That we have been and will continue to be a dynamic nation where many settle and play an important part in our economy and cultural life;
- That we have a *hope* in our nation; that the United Kingdom continues to have a positive role to play in the world¹;
- That we continue to have *purpose* to benefit not only the people of the United Kingdom, but also of Europe, the Commonwealth and the rest of the world².

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¹ The United Kingdom is one of the founding members of the United Nations (serving as a permanent member on the Security Council), and is a member of NATO, the G7 and the Commonwealth.

² The UK has committed to continue overseas aid.

