

# **Le saint et grand synode de l'église orthodoxe et sa position canonique concernant le terme eglise pour les autres communautés chrétiennes**

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## **Abstract**

In this work we have set out to deal with the official position of the Orthodox Church with regard to relations with other Churches and Christian communities. The official position of the Orthodox Church in this regard is expressed in the Document of the Holy and Great Synod of Crete (2016), entitled „Relations of the Orthodox Church with the Rest of the Christian World”. However, this document gave rise to some post-synodal theological discussions, even accused of being heretical, thus illustrating the problems highlighted by Article 6 of the document concerning the use of the term „Church” for Christian communities situated outside the Orthodox Church. The historical recognition of a Christian community does not mean the recognition of an ecclesial or ontological status.