

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Over the 2000-year history of Christianity, the Gospel has been spread all over the world. But that history has at times also been marked by serious conflicts among Christians especially in the fifth, eleventh and sixteenth centuries, over which they have been divided even to our own day.

But during the twentieth century, separated Christians began to see that their divisions were a stumbling block to the spread of the Gospel, and so began to take steps toward unity. The 1910 World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, though called in support of missionary societies of the time, became the major catalyst of the modern ecumenical movement.

The centenary of that conference gives us an opportunity to reflect on the ecumenical movement it helped to launch, and to ask what has been achieved in the century since then.

The goal of this seminar is to concentrate the attention of scholars on an assessment of specific achievements of international dialogue. Special at-



ention will be paid to international bilateral dialogues that began immediately after the Second Vatican Council involving the Catholic Church with many different churches and Christian World Communions, and the multilateral dialogue sponsored by the World Council of Churches' Commission on Faith and Order.

The special nature of this program will be presentations of the achievements of eleven international bilateral dialogues by persons close to these dialogues, as well as the results of Faith and Order work, and assessments of the World Council of Churches itself. The aim is to show how the dialogues have addressed the theological conflicts of the past over which division has taken place, and the degree of success they have had in resolving these conflicts.

WHO CAN BENEFIT?

Anyone interested in ecumenical dialogue or in how churches are overcoming divisions between them and moving toward unity.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To register by the June 1 deadline, visit www.saintpaulseminary.org.

Conference fees are as follows:

- Entire conference: \$100
- One day: \$50
- One session only: no charge

The public ecumenical prayer service on June 17 is free and open to the public.

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A Century of Ecumenism: What has been achieved? What are the next steps forward?

A conference commemorating the centenary
of the World Missionary Conference
Edinburgh, Scotland, 1910

June 17-19, 2010

The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity
St. Paul, Minnesota

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 17, 2010

- 1 p.m. Opening session
- 1:45 p.m. **Lutheran-Roman Catholic International Dialogue**
Fr. Jared Wicks, S.J.
John Carroll University
Dr. William G. Rusch
Yale Divinity School
- 3:30 p.m. **Methodist-Roman Catholic International Dialogue**
Dr. Geoffrey Wainwright
Duke University
Sr. Dr. Lorelei Fuchs
National Council of Churches
- 5:15 p.m. Reception and dinner
- 7:30 p.m. **Public ecumenical prayer service**
Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas
University of St. Thomas

Friday, June 18, 2010

- 8 a.m. Continental breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. **Orthodox-Roman Catholic International Dialogue**
Fr. Thomas FitzGerald, Dean,
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School
of Theology

9:30 a.m. **Oriental Orthodox-Roman Catholic International Dialogue**

Fr. Ronald Roberson, CSP, Associate
Director, Secretariat for Ecumenical
and Interreligious Affairs,
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

10:30 a.m. **Anglican-Roman Catholic International Dialogue**

Sr. Dr. Donna Geernaert, Congregational
Leader, Sisters of Charity, Halifax

11:15 a.m. **Reformed-Roman Catholic International Dialogue**

Msgr. John A. Radano
Seton Hall University

Noon **Lunch**

1:30 p.m. **Pentecostal-Catholic International Dialogue**

Dr. Cecil M. Robeck
Fuller Theological Seminary
Dr. Ralph DelColle
Marquette University

3 p.m. **Evangelical-Catholic International Dialogue**

Br. Jeffrey Gros, FSC
Memphis Theological Seminary

4 p.m. **Disciples of Christ-Roman Catholic International Dialogue**

Dr. Margaret O'Gara
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto

5:15 p.m. **Wine and cheese reception**

Saturday, June 19, 2010

- 8 a.m. Continental breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. **The World Council of Churches: Its achievements and limits**
Dr. Wesley Ariarajah
Drew University
Dr. Peter Bouteneff
St. Vladimir's Seminary
- 10:30 a.m. **Faith and Order: Achievements of multilateral dialogue**
Dame Mary Tanner
President of the WCC
Fr. William Henn, OFM Cap.
Gregorian University, Rome
- Noon **Lunch**
- 1 p.m. **Mennonite-Catholic International Dialogue**
Dr. Helmut Harder
Professor Emeritus,
Canadian Mennonite University
- 2 p.m. **Baptist-Roman Catholic International Dialogue**
Dr. Susan Wood, SCL
Marquette University
- 3 p.m. **Closing remarks and prayer**