

## "BAPTIST AND REFORMED THEOLOGICAL CONVERSATIONS"

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### Conversations between 1973-1977

#### PREPARATORY MEETINGS

February 3, 1973 - Rüschtikon, Switzerland

*"Official planning consultation; establishes two fold aim of the conversations: to provide information on the present theological positions of the two traditions with a view to overcoming the still existing differences; to explore the respective convictions about baptism"*

June 20, 1974 - Rüschtikon, Switzerland

*"Recommendations of 1973 accepted by both sides; establishment of the date of the first meeting; agreement that the dialogue commission has the freedom to choose the topics of discussion"*

#### MEETINGS:

1. December 14-18, 1974 - Rüschtikon, Switzerland  
*"Themes discussed were the distinctive elements of the Baptist and Reformed heritages; the Baptist and Reformed perspectives in understanding the Gospel"*
2. September 7-11, 1975 - Cartigny, Switzerland  
*"Theme: Christian understanding of God's purpose for the world in our Lord Jesus Christ; Doctrine of God and man; the understanding of covenant in the Old and New Testaments; changing understandings of man and their bearing on theology"*
3. March 26-30, 1976 - Rüschtikon, Switzerland  
*"The church as a holy community in relation to justification; world affirming and world denying forms of Christian thought and life; the church in its local fellowship; the church in its universal dimension and mission; a detailed survey and analysis of recent statements on baptism and church membership from a selection of Baptist and Reformed sources"*
4. December 10-14, 1976 - Rüschtikon, Switzerland  
*"This session dealt with Baptist and Reformed thinking in the light of their understanding of the work and gift of the Holy Spirit"*

*"Publication of the 'REPORT of Theological Conversations sponsored by the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the Baptist World Alliance, 1977'" - REPORT*

CO-CHAIRMEN: Rev. Dr. Rudolf Thaut, Hamburg, Germany (Baptist)  
Prof. Martin H. Cressey, Cambridge, England (Reformed)

CO-SECRETARIES: Rev. Dr. C. Ronald Goulding, BWA Washington, DC, USA (Baptist)  
Rev. Richmond Smith, WARC, Geneva, Switzerland (Reformed)

5. December 6-10, 1982 - Geneva, Switzerland  
*"Evaluation Group meeting: revision of the Report 1977" - EVALUATION GROUP REPORT*
6. March 5, 1983 - Rüslikon, Switzerland  
*"Reflection on the future of the common Reformation heritage of the Baptist and Reformed traditions"*