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"BAPTIST - ROMAN CATHOLIC INTERNATIONAL CONVERSATIONS"

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and Interchurch Cooperation of the Baptist World Alliance [www.baptistworld.org]
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FIRST SERIES (1984-1988)

MEETINGS:

1. July 18-21, 1984 - West Berlin, Germany
"Evangelism/Evangelization: The Mission of the Church"
2. June 24-30, 1985 - Los Angeles, California, USA
"Christology and Conversion; Discipleship: Aspects of Witness to Christ"
3. June 2-7, 1986 - New York City, New York, USA
"The Church as Koinonia of the Spirit"
4. July 13-18, 1987 - Rome, Italy
"Ways of Improving Common Christian Witness; Proselytism and Restrictions on Religious Freedom"
5. July 18-23, 1988 - Norcross (Atlanta), Georgia, USA
"Work on the Final Report: Summons to Witness to Christ in Today's World " - FINAL REPORT and COMMENT

CO-MODERATORS: Dr. David T. Shannon, Atlanta, Georgia (USA) Baptist
Most Rev. Bede Heather, Bishop of Parramatta, (Australia) RC

CO-SECRETARIES: Mr. Glenn A. Igleheart, Baptist Convention of New York (USA)
Msgr. Basil Meeking, Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity (Vatican City) RC for 1984
Msgr. John A. Radano, Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity (Vatican City) RC for 1985-1988

SECOND SERIES (2006-2010)

"The Word of God in the Life of the Church: Scripture, Tradition and Koinonia"

PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS:

1. December 3-4, 2000 - Rome, Italy
"Historical and Contemporary Issues Confronting Us"
2. December 6-7, 2001 - Buenos Aires, Argentina
"Theological Issues between Baptists and Catholics in Latin America; Notion of 'Communio' as a Framework for Conversations on Controversial Issues"

MEETINGS:

1. December 10-15, 2006 - Birmingham, Alabama, USA
"The Authority of Christ in Scripture and Tradition; The Word of God: God's Self-communication in the Koinonia of the Trinity and the Church; Scripture and Tradition: An Evangelical Baptist Perspective; Relation of Scripture and Tradition: Catholic Discernment of the Authentic Tradition; Scripture in the Life of the Baptist Churches: Opportunities for a Differentiated Catholic-Baptist Consensus; The Use of Sacred Scripture in the Church"
2. December 2-8, 2007 - Rome, Italy
"Baptism and the Lord's Supper/Eucharist as Visible Word of God in the Koinonia of the Church; 'With Equal Feelings of Devotion and Reverence': Trent and Vatican II on Catholic Attitudes towards Scripture and Tradition; Dei Verbum §9 in Baptist Perspective; Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Tradition; Sacraments-Sacramentality: The 'Crux' of Doctrinal Disagreement in the Ecumenical Dialogue; Baptism and Initiation: A Baptist Contribution"
3. December 14-20, 2008 - Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, USA
"Mary in the Communion of the Church"
4. December 13-19, 2009 - Rome, Italy
"Oversight and Primacy in the Ministry of the Church"
5. December 12-18, 2010 - University of Oxford: Regent's Park College (Baptist) and St. Benet's Hall (Benedictine), UK
"A Final Meeting for gathering the harvest of the previous sessions, and working on a draft report: The Word of God in the Life of the Church" - FINAL REPORT and COMMENTARY

CO-MODERATORS: Dr. Paul Fiddes, Oxford, UK Baptist
Most Rev. Arthur Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson, New Jersey (USA) RC

CO-SECRETARIES: Revd. Dr. Fausto Aguiar de Vasconcelos, Baptist World Alliance Baptist
Msgr. John A. Radano, Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (Vatican City) RC (2006-2007)
Revd. Gregory Fairbanks, Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (Vatican City) RC (2008-2010)

THIRD SERIES (2017-2021)

"The Dynamic of the Gospel and the Witness of the Church"

PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS:

May 16, 2016 - Rome, Italy

MEETINGS:

1. December 10-16, 2017 - Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, Texas, USA
"The Power of the Gospel, the Witness of the Church"
2. December 10-14, 2018 - Rome, Italy
"Context of Common Witness; global cultural context in which common Christian witness is being conducted today in six continents of the world"
3. December 9-13, 2019 - Warsaw, Poland
"It dealt with the theme of 'Challenges of common witness', paying attention to the current challenges faced by Baptists and Catholics in fulfilling their mission of common witness to Christ, including: the growing gap linked to ethical and moral issues; the politicization of religion, and the growth of secularism and the so-called 'nones'"

(those who claim to have no religious affiliation)" - COMMUNIQUÉ

June 16 & 18, 2021 - Zoom conference

"The purpose of these meetings was to review the work of the first three annual meetings in the form of a cumulative memorandum, and to envision how the Joint Commission will continue its work after the hiatus, as well as to renew the relationships between the members and to engage in common prayer" - COMMUNIQUÉ

4. December 6-10, 2021 - Durham, North Carolina, USA

"The dialogue took up the theme of "Forms of Common Witness," giving attention to recognizing ways in which Baptists and Catholics have already been engaging in a shared witness to the dynamic of the gospel and envisioning ways in which the two communions might more intentionally and more fully collaborate in offering the world a common witness to Christ" - COMMUNIQUÉ

5. December 12-16, 2022 - Rome, Italy

CO-MODERATORS: Rev. Dr. Frank Rees, Associate Professor and Chair of the Academic Board at the University of Divinity in Australia Baptist
Most Rev. Arthur Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson, New Jersey (USA) RC

CO-SECRETARIES: Revd. Dr. Steven R. Harmon, Associate Professor of Historical Theology at Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity, Boiling Springs, North Carolina, USA Baptist
Revd. Avelino Gonzalez-Ferrer, Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (Vatican City) RC (2016-2020)
Msgr. Juan Usma Gómez, Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (Vatican City) RC (2021-)