

## "THE JOINT WORKING GROUP BETWEEN THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH"

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*N.B. The plenary sessions of the Joint Working Group (JWG) are listed in **boldface** and given a progressive numeration. The other meetings without numeration are meetings of the sub-commissions of the JWG or consultations, convoked, organized or recommended by the JWG, even if these were sometimes realized with the assistance of other organisms. The themes of such consultations are pertinent to the reflection of the work of the JWG.*

### PLANNING PHASE

April 15, 1964 - Milan, Italy

*Meeting formulating plans to be realized after the promulgation of the Decree on Ecumenism*

July 27-31, 1964 - Tutzing, Germany

*Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches (WCC); Working Paper on a "Basis of Cooperation with the Roman Catholic Church (RCC)"*

January 12-21, 1965 - Enugu, Nigeria

*Central Committee of WCC adopted proposal for Joint Working Group*

**STATEMENT: "RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH"**

**"RELATIONS AVEC L'ÉGLISE CATHOLIQUE ROMAINE"**

### MEETING AND STATEMENTS

#### PHASE 1965-1968

**1. May 22-24, 1965 - Bossey, Switzerland**

*"Nature of Ecumenism; Ecumenical Dialogue; Areas of Collaboration; Church and Society; Laity; Women"*

October 16, 1965 - Rome, Italy

*Consultation: "Joint Worship at Ecumenical Gatherings"*

November 18, 1965 - Rome, Italy

*Consultation: "Joint Worship at Ecumenical Gatherings"*

**2. November 17-20, 1965 - Ariccia, Italy**

*"Nature of Ecumenism; Ecumenical Dialogue; Areas of Collaboration; Church and Society; Laity; Women; Preparation and Approval of the First Official Report"*

**FIRST OFFICIAL REPORT (February 1966)**

**APPENDIX 1 - "LIST OF MEMBERS"**

**APPENDIX 2 - REPORT: "JOINT WORSHIP AT ECUMENICAL GATHERINGS"**

January 26-28, 1966 - Geneva, Switzerland

Consultation: *"Social Service; Emergency and Development Aid"*

**3. May 13-16, 1966 - Bossey, Switzerland**

*"Possible Collaboration; Nature of Dialogue; Catholicity and Apostolicity; Nature and Scope of Ecumenism; Proselytism; Theology of Mixed Marriage"*

October 16-20, 1966 - Geneva, Switzerland

Consultation: *"The Future of the Week of Prayer"*

**4. November 20-22, 1966 - Crêt-Bérard, Switzerland**

*"Review of Developments with regard to Ecumenical Dialogues; Co-operation in Fields of Common Prayer for Unity, Social Questions, Missions, Relief Activity; Women's Work and Laity; Establishment of Sub-commissions"*

January 21-23, 1967

Consultation: *"Social Service; Emergency and Development Aid"*

March 1-4, 1967 - Nemi, Italy

Consultation: *"Mixed Marriages"*

**5. May 15-19, 1967 - Ariccia, Italy**

*"Nature of Dialogue; Role of the Churches in Aid, Development and Justice; Mixed Marriages; Proselytism; Work of Women and Men in the Church; Preparation and Approval of the Second Official Report"*

**SECOND OFFICIAL REPORT (August 1967)**

**APPENDIX I - WORKING PAPER: "ECUMENICAL DIALOGUE" (1967)**

May 19-24, 1967 - Nemi, Italy

Consultation: *"Catholicity and Apostolicity"*

September 16-21, 1967 - Oegstgeest (Leyden), The Netherlands

Consultation: *"Catholicity and Apostolicity"*

**6. December 3-7, 1967 - Assisi, Italy**

*"Collaboration between WCC and RCC; Laity; Common Activity; Organization"*

April 29 - May 1, 1968 - Geneva, Switzerland

Consultation: *"Liturgy"*

April 29 - May 1, 1968 - Rome, Italy

Consultation: *"Common Missionary Concern; Structure of Respective Decision-Making Process"*

May 10-14, 1968 - Arnoldshain, Germany

Consultation: *"Christian Witness and Proselytism"*

**7. May 16-19, 1968 - Arnoldshain, Germany**

*"Review of Ecumenical Developments; Common Witness and Proselytism; Common Worship and Liturgical Life"*

May 31 - June 5, 1968 - Rome, Italy

Consultation: *"Catholicity and Apostolicity"*

PHASE 1968-1975

8. **December 1-5, 1968 - Rome, Italy**  
*"Collaboration after Uppsala; Exploration on Program for Solidarity, Development and Peace (SODEPAX); Co-ordination of Aid to Nigeria"*

9. **May 12-17, 1969 - Gwatt, Switzerland**  
*"Enlarged Membership (more permanent relationship between WCC and RCC); Catholicity and Apostolicity; Common Witness; relations with Other Religions"*

PAPER - *"PATTERNS OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN RCC AND WCC"*

N.B. This not an official document of the JWG but it has importance concerning the possible membership of the Catholic Church in the WCC

September 29 - October 3, 1969 - Zagorsk, USSR  
Consultation: *"Common Witness and Proselytism"*

10. **May 25-30, 1970 - Naples, Italy**  
*"Possible Membership of the RCC in the WCC; Catholicity and Apostolicity; Common Witness and Proselytism; SODEPAX; Exploratory Committee on Medical Aid; Approval of the Study Paper on 'Common Witness and Proselytism'; Preparation and Approval of the Third Official Report"*

**THIRD OFFICIAL REPORT (May 1970)**

**APPENDIX I - REPORT ON COMMON ACTIVITIES**

**APPENDIX II - STUDY DOCUMENT: "COMMON WITNESS AND PROSELYTISM"**

**APPENDIX III - STUDY DOCUMENT: "CATHOLICITY AND APOSTOLICITY"**

11. **June 7-12, 1971 - Bernhäuser Forst (Stuttgart), Germany**  
*"Membership of the Catholic Church in the WCC; Theological, Pastoral, Structural Development of Ecumenism at a Local, National, Regional Level; SODEPAX; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity"*

12. **May 29 - June 2, 1972 - Rome, Italy**  
*"Role of National, Regional and Local Councils of Churches; Structure of the JWG for Better Collaboration; SODEPAX; Women's Ecumenical Liaison Group (WELG); Nature and Meaning of the Communion that already Exists; Proposal for Studies on: Cooperation on Education, Youth and Family, Authority, New Movements, Church and Socio-political Issues"*

13. **May 21-25, 1973 - Windsor, England**  
*"Co-operation between Parent Bodies; Local/Regional Developments; SODEPAX"*

**REPORT: "FUTURE JOINT ACTIVITIES OF RCC AND WCC" (1973)**

February, 1974 - Geneva, Switzerland  
Consultation: *"Surveys, Analysis and Questionnaire on Mission"*

14. **May 27-31, 1974 - Venice, Italy**  
*"Identify and Encourage Opportunities for Co-operation between WCC and RCC; SODEPAX; Laity; Proposal for Studies on: Mission and Ecumenism, People of Other Faiths, Relief and Service, Human Rights, Development and Peace"*

**FOURTH OFFICIAL REPORT (1975)**

**APPENDIX I - LETTER FROM SECRETARIAT FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY TO REV. P. POTTER**

**APPENDIX II - "RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE 5TH WCC GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON RELATIONS BETWEEN WCC AND RCC"**

**REPORT: "WCC AND RCC COLLABORATION TO THE WCC CENTRAL COMMITTEE"**

PHASE 1976-1982

15. **October 4-8, 1976 - Utrecht, The Netherlands**  
*"The Unity of the Church: The Goal and the Way; Proposal for a Study on the Search for Unity"*
16. **December 5-9, 1977 - Pianezza (Turin), Italy**  
*"Common Witness; Unity of the Church: The Goal and the Way"*  
  
June 12-16, 1978 - Venice, Italy  
Consultation: *"Towards a Common Profession of Faith"*
17. **February 26 - March 2, 1979 - Le Louverain, Switzerland**  
*"How to Deepen and Reinforce Communion between Churches; Unity of the Church: The Goal and the Way; Collaboration in the Social Domain: Human Rights, Women, Racism; Common Witness"*  
  
May 29 - June 2, 1979 - Venice, Italy  
Consultation: *"Common Witness"*  
  
November 30 - December 2, 1979 - Rome, Italy  
Consultation: *"Approval of the Study Document on Common Witness"*  
**STUDY DOCUMENT: "COMMON WITNESS: A STUDY DOCUMENT OF THE JWG OF THE WCC AND THE RCC"**
18. **February 17-21, 1980 - Marseille, France**  
*"Collaboration in Social Matters; Unity of the Church: The Goal and the Way"*
19. **June 9-13, 1981 - Geneva, Switzerland**  
*"Revision of Work; Collaboration in the Area of Social Thought and Action; Unity of the Church; Common Witness; Christian Medical Service; Laity Formation; Women and Men in the Church; Proposal for a Joint Consulting Group for Social Thought and Action between RCC and WCC (JWG - RCC: Bodies: Cor Unum, Council for the Laity, Commission Justitia et Pax and Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity; WCC Bodies: Commission on Participation in Development; Commission on Interchurch Aid Refugee's World Service; Christian Medical Commission, Commission on Interfaith Affairs); Preparation of Fifth Official Report"*  
  
February 15-18, 1982 - Venice, Italy  
Consultation: *"The Significance and Contribution of Councils of Churches to the Ecumenical Movement"*
20. **March 29 - April 2, 1982 - Ariccia, Italy**  
*"Common Witness; Unity of the Church: The Goal and Way; Reflection on Ways to improve JWG Impact and Service; Collaboration on Social Thought and Action; Approval of the Fifth Official Report"*  
**FIFTH OFFICIAL REPORT (June 1983)**

PHASE 1983-1990

- January 26-28, 1984 - Venice, Italy  
*"Information Meeting; Re-organization"*
21. **October 8-13, 1984 - Bossey, Switzerland**  
*"Organization; Ecumenical Formation; Social Collaboration; Baptism, Eucharist, Ministry Document (BEM); Ethical Issues, Challenge of Apartheid; Mixed Marriages"*  
  
September 22-24, 1985 - Bossey, Switzerland  
Consultation: *"Hierarchy of Truths"*

- 22. September 30 - October 5, 1985 - Riano, Italy**  
*"Hierarchy of Truths; Ecumenical Formation; Debate on Liberation Theology; Pastoral Care of Mixed Marriages; Reception Process of Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry Document (BEM); Social Action Collaboration; Church: Local and Universal; Reality, Progress and Problems of Christian Unity; Vatican II: 20 Years After"*  
 March 3-6, 1987 - Rome, Italy  
 Consultation: *"Hierarchy of Truths"*
- 23. April 30 - May 7, 1987 - Bossey, Switzerland**  
*"Relationship between Local and Universal Dimension of the Church; Hierarchy of Truths; Ecumenical Formation; Mixed Marriages; Council of Churches; Ethical Issues"*
- 24. April 27 - May 4, 1988 - Venice, Italy**  
*"Pastoral Care of Mixed Marriages; Collaboration on Social Issues; Hierarchy of Truths; Church: Local and Universal; Ethical Issues; Council of Churches; Laity; Ecumenical Formation; Preparation of the Sixth Official Report"*  
 December 19-20, 1988 - Rome, Italy  
 Consultation: *"The Church: Local and Universal"*
- 25. February 4-10, 1989 - St. Prix, France**  
*"Information on Recent Events and Initiatives: Synod of Laity, New Directory; Hierarchy of Truths; Ecumenical Formation; Church: Local and Universal; Pastoral Care of Mixed Marriages; Ethical Issues as New Sources of Division; Common Witness; Proclamation of the Gospel"*  
 September, 1989 - Rome, Italy  
 Consultation: *"Revision Committee on 'The Church: Local and Universal'"*  
 January 23-24, 1990 - Rome, Italy  
 Consultation: *"Ethical Issues as New Sources of Divisions"*
- 26. January 26 - February 2, 1990 - Rome, Italy**  
*"The Church: Local and Universal; Hierarchy of Truth; Christian Mixed Marriages; Ecumenical Formation; Ecclesiological Significance of Ecumenical Work; Common Witness; Approval of the Sixth Official Report"*  
**SIXTH OFFICIAL REPORT (August 1990)**  
**APPENDIX A - STUDY DOCUMENT: "THE CHURCH: LOCAL AND UNIVERSAL" (August 1990)**  
**APPENDIX B - STUDY DOCUMENT: "THE NOTION OF 'HIERARCHY OF TRUTHS': AN ECUMENICAL INTERPRETATION" (August 1990)**
- PHASE 1991-1998
- 27. March 8-14, 1992 - Kloster Wennigsen, Germany**  
*"Exchange of Information about Ecumenical Developments; Ecumenical Formation; Mixed Marriages; Ethical Issues; Common Witness; Social Thought and Action Joint Collaboration: Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation (JPIC), Apartheid; Reflection on the WCC's Canberra Statement on 'Koinonia: Gift and Calling'"*  
 February 10-18, 1993 - Hong Kong  
 Consultation: *"Regional Ecumenical Organizations and National Council of Churches (REO and NCC): Servants and Advocate of Unity"*
- 28. May 17-23, 1993 - Venice, Italy**  
*"The Ecumenical Situation; Ongoing Collaboration; Approval of text on Ecumenical Formation; Ecumenical Significance of the WCC's Canberra Statement: 'Koinonia: Gift and Calling'; Proselytism; Social Thought and Action; Ethical Issues as New Sources of Division"*

**STUDY DOCUMENT: "ECUMENICAL FORMATION: ECUMENICAL REFLECTION AND SUGGESTIONS" (May 1993)**

October 18-19, 1993 - Rome, Italy

Consultation: *"The Ecumenical Dialogue on Moral Issues: Potential Sources of Common Witness or Division"*

**29. June 4-10, 1994 - Crete**

*"Common Witness and Proselytism; Ethical Issues as a Potential Source of division and Religious Freedom; Year 2000 Ecumenical Celebration"*

November 1-4, 1994 - Tantur, Israel

Consultation: *"The Ecumenical Dialogue on Moral Issues: Potential Sources of Common Witness or Division"*

**30. May 12-19, 1995 - Magnano (Bose), Italy**

*"Ecclesial Situation; Ongoing Collaboration; Common Witness; Ethical Issues, The 'Common Understanding and Vision' Process (CUV); Proposal for a Sub-Commission on the Celebrations for the Year 2000"*

**STUDY DOCUMENT: "THE CHALLENGE OF PROSELYTISM AND THE CALLING TO COMMON WITNESS" (September 1995)**

**STUDY DOCUMENT: "THE ECUMENICAL DIALOGUE ON MORAL ISSUES: POTENTIAL SOURCES OF COMMON WITNESS OR OF DIVISION" (September 1995)**

September 11, 1995 - Rome, Italy

Consultation: *"Celebration of the Year 2000"*

**31. May 3-7, 1996 - Chambésy, Switzerland**

*"Sharing of Information on Ecumenical Situation; Proposal of further Studies on Issues affecting Koinonia, Baptism, Religious Freedom, Religious Fundamentalism; Justice and Peace; Proposal for a Study Document on Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Protestant Perspectives on the WCC's Canberra Statement on 'Koinonia: Gift and Calling'; Preparation of the Seventh Official Report"*

**32. May, 1997 - Venice, Italy**

*"Collaboration on Social Thought and Action; How to give Common Witness: Study on Possible Common Preparation of the Jubilee 2000; The 'Common Understanding and Vision' Process (CUV); Approval of the Seventh Official Report"*

**SEVENTH OFFICIAL REPORT (February 1998)**

**APPENDIX A - "THE HISTORY OF THE RCC AND WCC JOINT WORKING GROUP" (February 1998)**

**APPENDIX B - STUDY DOCUMENT: "THE ECUMENICAL DIALOGUE ON MORAL ISSUES: POTENTIAL SOURCES OF COMMON WITNESS OR OF DIVISION" (September 1995)**

**APPENDIX C - STUDY DOCUMENT: "THE CHALLENGE OF PROSELYTISM AND THE CALLING TO COMMON WITNESS" (September 1995)**

**APPENDIX D - STUDY DOCUMENT: "ECUMENICAL FORMATION: ECUMENICAL REFLECTION AND SUGGESTIONS" (May 1993)**

PHASE 1998-2005

**33. May 25-31, 2000 - Antelias (Beyrouth), Lebanon**

*"Nature and Purpose of Dialogue (Papers by Dr. Rev. K. Raiser and H.E. W. Kasper); Council of Churches; Ecclesiological Consequences of Baptism; National Ecumenical Organizations and National Council of Churches (NEO and NCC); Social Thought and Action; Theological Anthropology; Mixed Marriages"*

**34. May 25-31, 2001 - Dromantine, Northern Ireland**

*"Ecclesiological Consequences of Baptism; Mixed Marriages; National Ecumenical Organizations and National Council of Churches (NEO and NCC); Social Thought and Action; Theological Anthropology"*

February 1-4, 2002 - Geneva, Switzerland

Consultation: *"Ecumenical Implications of the Mutual Recognition of Baptism"*

35. **May 25-31, 2002 - Stjärnholm, Sweden**  
*"National Ecumenical Organizations and National Council of Churches (NEO and NCC); Ecclesiological Consequences of Baptism; Nature and Purpose of Dialogue; Theological Anthropology; Social Thought and Action; Mixed Marriages"*  
 March 4-9, 2003 - Rome, Italy  
 Consultation: *"Ecumenical Implications of the Mutual Recognition of Baptism"*
36. **May 5-11, 2003 - Bari, Italy**  
*"Nature and Purpose of Dialogue; Ecclesiological Consequences of Baptism; National Ecumenical Organizations and National Council of Churches (NEO and NCC); Social Thought and Action; Theological Anthropology; Mixed Marriages"*
37. **May 6-13, 2004 - Kolymari, Chania/Crete, Greece**  
*"Adoption of three study reports: The Ecclesiological and Ecumenical Implications of a Common Baptism, The Nature and Purpose of Ecumenical Dialogue, Roman Catholic Participation in National and Regional Council of Churches; Approval of a Report for the work of the JWG from 1998-2005"*  
**EIGHT OFFICIAL REPORT (February 2006)**  
**APPENDIX A - JWG MANDATES: 1966, 1975 AND 1999-2005**  
**APPENDIX B - THE HISTORY OF THE RCC/WCC JOINT WORKING GROUP**  
**APPENDIX C - STUDY DOCUMENT: "ECCLESIOLOGICAL AND ECUMENICAL IMPLICATIONS OF A COMMON BAPTISM" (February 2006)**  
**APPENDIX D - STUDY DOCUMENT: "THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF ECUMENICAL DIALOGUE" (February 2006)**  
**APPENDIX E - STUDY DOCUMENT: "'INSPIRED BY THE SAME VISION': ROMAN CATHOLIC PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES" (February 2006)**  
**APPENDIX F - GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS**
38. **November 17-19, 2005 - Bossey/Geneva, Switzerland**  
**THE JWG BETWEEN THE RCC AND THE WCC**  
**40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - SPECIAL CONSULTATION**  
**APPENDIX A - THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT IN THE 21st CENTURY. A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE PCPCU - Cardinal W. Kasper, President of the PCPCU**  
**APPENDIX B - FROM REFLECTION TO RECEPTION CHALLENGES FACING THE RCC-WCC COLLABORATION - Aram I Catholicos of Cilicia, Moderator of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches**  
**APPENDIX C - PROPOSED WORKING DOCUMENT - TOWARDS THE RENEWAL OF ECUMENISM IN THE 21st CENTURY: THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP**  
**APPENDIX D - LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

Co-Chairs:

- Archbishop Mario Conti  
 Archbishop of Glasgow, Scotland (Catholic)
- Bishop Jonas Jonson  
 Lutheran Bishop of Strängnäs (Church of Sweden)

**39. January 20-27, 2008 - Rome, Italy**

*Presentation of the Roman Catholic Church, including official visits to some Dicasteries of the RCC. Reflection on the new mandate of the JWG. Private Audience with His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI. Participation to the official celebrations of the Centennial of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: a conference by His Eminence Card. Walter Kasper, President of PCPCU held at the Centro Pro Unione (Franciscan Friars of the Atonement) and the participation to the Concluding worship of the Week of Prayer in the Basilica of St. Paul's Outside the Walls, celebrated by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI with the presence of Rev. Dr. Samuel Kobia, General Secretary of the WCC.*

**APPENDIX A - LIST OF PARTICIPANTS 2006-2013**

**40. November 16-23, 2008 - Bossey/Geneva, Switzerland**

*Presentation of the World Council of Churches, including official visits to the WCC Headquarters in Geneva, visits to the Orthodox Centre in Chambesy, to the Community of Grandchamps (Neuchâtel), and to the International Museum of the Reformation in Geneva.*

*Reflection on the two major study themes: Spiritual Ecumenism and Reception, reflection on the two issues: Migration and Youth.*

**41. October 12-19, 2009 - Cordoba, Spain**

*"Reception; Spiritual Roots of Ecumenism, Migration, Youth". Visit to various Local Congregations and Ecumenical centers very active in ecumenical work*

**42. September 26 - October 2, 2010 - Saidnaya, Syria**

*"Reception; Spiritual Roots of Ecumenism, Migration, Youth". Reflection on the situation of Churches in the Middle East. Visit the St Paul's places in Damascus. Meeting with the Head of the Churches in Siria. Prayer and meeting with H.B. Ignatius IV Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch, H.H. Zakka I Iwas, Syrian Orthodox Patriarch and H.B. Gregorius III Greek Catholic Patriarch. Visit to Embassy of the Holy See in Damascus*

February 28-March 2, 2011 - Rome, Italy

Drafting: *"Reception: A Key to Ecumenical Progress"*

**43. October 31 - November 5, 2011 - Rabat, Malta**

*"Receive one another... just as Christ has received you, for the glory of God" (Rom 15:7)*

*"Reception; Spiritual Roots of Ecumenism, Migration, Youth". Final draft and adoption of the JWG Ninth Report. Visits to St Paul's Grotto, the Catholic Cathedral, the Anglican Pro-Cathedral, the Scottish Church in La Valletta. Visit to the President of Malta and to the Apostolic Nunciature; Concert in St John 's Cathedral, La Valletta "Singing Together for Peace"*

**NINTH OFFICIAL REPORT 2007-2012: "RECEIVING ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST" (November 2013)**

**APPENDIX A - STUDY DOCUMENT: "RECEPTION: A KEY TO ECUMENICAL PROGRESS" (November 2013)**

**APPENDIX B - STUDY DOCUMENT: "'BE RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT' THE SPIRITUAL ROOTS OF ECUMENISM" (November 2013)**

**APPENDIX C - REFLECTIONS: "THE CHURCH IN THE LIFE OF YOUTH AND YOUTH IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH" (November 2013)**

Co-Chairs:

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin (Ireland)

Archbishop of Dublin

Metropolitan Nifon of Targoviste (Romania)

Orthodox Archbishop of Targoviste



**44. June 22-26, 2015 - Rome, Italy**

*Presentation of the Roman Catholic Church, including official visits to some Dicasteries of the RCC. Reflection on the new mandate of the JWG and Ecumenical Formation, Official celebrations of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the JWG at the Centro Pro Unione (Franciscan Friars of the Atonement) with the participation of His Eminence Card. Kurt Koch (President of the PCPCU) and Rev. Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit (General Secretary of the WCC). Presentations by Msgr. John Radano (Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology at Seton Hall University) and Rev. Dr. Diane Kessler (Director of the Massachusetts Council of Churches) on the JWG's history, documents and achievements, and a personal testimony by Bishop Jonas Jonson (Bishop Emeritus of Strängnäs, Church of Sweden)*

**Appendix: Members of JWG 2014-2020**

**45. September 13-17, 2016 - Bossey/Geneva, Switzerland**

*Presentation of the World Council of Churches, including official visits to the WCC Headquarters in Geneva and meeting with WCC General Secretary Rev. Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit. Reflection on Pope Francis documents' and the WCC Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace. Mandate of the JWG and Agenda: "Peace Building in Situation of Violence: the Role of Religion, Culture and Dialogue" and "Migrants and Refugees. Ecumenical Challenge and Opportunity"*

April 24-26, 2017 - Dublin, Ireland

*Meeting of the Executive Committee: reflection on the two main studies: "Building peace in situations of violence" and "Migrants and refugees"*

**46. September 12-15, 2017 - Lisbon, Portugal**

*Reflection on the two main studies: "Peace Building in Situation of Violence: the Role of Religion, Culture and Dialogue" and "Migrants and Refugees. Ecumenical Challenge and Opportunity"*

May 24-27, 2018 - Targoviste, Romania

*Meeting of the Executive Committee: reflection on the two main studies: "Building peace in situations of violence" and "Migrants and refugees"*

**47. September 3-7, 2018 - Ottmaring/Augsburg, Germany**

*First Draft of the documents.*

*Reflection on the WCC 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary; the visit of Pope Francis to WCC headquarters; opportunities and challenges in ecumenical relationships between the Roman Catholic Church and the fellowship of WCC member Churches, with Rev. Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit, General Secretary of the WCC*

May 6-8, 2019 - Warsaw, Poland

*Executive Committee meeting evaluated the progress of its work during the current mandate, especially regarding study documents on Peace Building in Situations of Violence, and on Migrants and Refugees as an Ecumenical Challenge and Opportunity*

**48. September 2-5, 2019 - Lyon, France**

*Approval of the two documents on peace building and migration. Initial discussion on the structure of the JWG Tenth Report under the title: "Walking, Praying and Working Together".*

July 6, 2020 - Zoom meeting

*Executive Committee meeting discussed the final stages of the two studies with recommendations to the churches which the JWG has undertaken, on "Peacebuilding in Situations of Conflict" and "Migrants and Refugees – Ecumenical Challenges and Opportunities". Time was given to discussing the remaining steps of finalizing the text of the Tenth Report to be issued at the end of the current mandate*

November 6, 2020 - Zoom meeting

*The Executive discussed the two studies with recommendations to the churches, which the JWG has undertaken, on "Peacebuilding in Situations of Conflict" and "Migrants and Refugees – Ecumenical Challenges and Opportunities". Since the last meeting both documents had been revised in light of the new situation caused by the pandemic and the revisions have been approved. Members of the Executive then discussed the Tenth Report to be issued at the end of the current mandate. It was recognized that the text of the Report reflects well the work accomplished although it requires an update given the extension of the mandate of the JWG, as well as further improvement regarding the content and style*

February 3, 2021 - Zoom meeting

*Executive Committee meeting discussed the Tenth Report to be issued at the end of the current mandate, together with two study documents "Peace is a Treasure for All. Peace-building in Situations of Conflict and Violence" and "Migrants and Refugees – Ecumenical Challenges and Opportunities". All three documents are in the final stage of preparation. They will be sent to the members of the JWG for comments. It is expected that the plenary of the JWG will approve them during its next meeting scheduled for April 2021*

49. **April 12-16, 2021 - Zoom meeting**

*"The JWG plenary met virtually (the meeting had been previously scheduled to be held in Brussels). The agenda of the final plenary meeting of the present JWG mandate included: a) an exchange of information on the recent activities of the parent bodies during the COVID-19 pandemic; b) an updating on the preparation of the 11<sup>th</sup> WCC General Assembly to be held in 2022 as well as on the process for the official reception of the JWG Final Report (presentation by Charlotte Belot and Dr. Georges Lemopoulos); c) final revision, discussion and approval of the Final Report on the work of the JWG and the two study documents, all updated in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic situation. All the three documents: the Tenth Report entitled 'Walking, Praying and Working Together. An Ecumenical Pilgrimage', the two study documents studies with recommendations to the churches: 'Peace is a Treasure for All – An Ecumenical Reflection on Peace Building in Situations of Conflict and Violence' and 'Migrants and Refugees – Ecumenical Challenges and Opportunities' had been formally approved and received by the JWG plenary in order to be presented to the parent bodies for approval"*

Co-Chairs:

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin (Ireland)  
Archbishop of Dublin  
Metropolitan Nifon of Targoviste (Romania)  
Orthodox Archbishop of Targoviste