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"International Theological Dialogue between the Oriental Orthodox family of churches and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches"

Sponsors: Oriental Orthodox family of Churches [Coptic Orthodox Church, the Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch, the Armenian Apostolic Church [Catholicosate of All Armenians in Holy Etchmiadzin and Catholicosate of Cilicia in Antelias], the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church and the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church] / World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) [www.wcrc.ch] formerly World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC)

(1993-2001)

August 27, 1992 - Geneva, Switzerland
Planning meeting

1. May 2-5, 1993 - Wadi-El-Natroun, Egypt

"Introduction to the Oriental Orthodox churches; The main characteristics of the Reformed churches; Oriental Orthodox view of tradition and scripture; A Reformed view on tradition and scripture; The nature and the mission of the church: an Oriental Orthodox view; The nature and the mission of the church: a Reformed view"

2. September 10-15, 1994 - Driebergen, The Netherlands

"Christological controversies of the fourth and fifth centuries; A survey of the recent bilateral agreements between the Oriental (non-Chalcedonian) Orthodox churches and the Eastern Orthodox church and other Christian communions; The bilateral agreements between the Oriental Orthodox and the Eastern Orthodox: a Reformed response; Tradition and its role in the Syrian Orthodox Church; Holy Scripture and tradition: a Reformed perspective; Holy Scripture: its use and misuse from an Oriental Orthodox perspective; The use and abuse of the Scriptures in relation to mission, evangelism and proselytism from a Reformed perspective" - CHRISTOLOGICAL AGREEMENT

3. January 10-15, 1997 - Kottayam, India

"Theology and Theologian: their Function and Authority in the Orthodox Church; The Beauty and Service of Theology; A Brief History of the Reformed churches in India; Scripture, its authority and its inspiration"

4. January 10-15, 1998 - Richmond, Virginia USA

"Mission: An Oriental Orthodox Perspective; The Nature of the Church from a Reformed Perspective; Some Key Issues in Contemporary Mission Debate; work on the draft of a common statement"

5. January 10-15, 1999 - Ma'arat Saydnaya, Syria

"The Understanding of Ministry in the Reformed Tradition; Ministry in the Orthodox Tradition; The Link Between Priesthood and Eucharist in the New Testament"

6. January 11-15, 2000 - Musselburgh, Scotland
"Introduction to the Sacraments of the Church; The Mystery/Sacrament of Baptism; Introduction to the Sacrament of Holy Liturgy/Eucharist; An Interrogation of the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist; The Reformed Understanding of the Sacraments" - COMMUNIQUÉ
7. January 23-28, 2001 - Antelias, Lebanon
"Introduction to the Sacraments: an Oriental Orthodox Perspective" - COMMUNIQUÉ and FINAL REPORT

Co-Chair: His Holiness Pope Shenouda III, Coptic Orthodox (1992-1994)
His Grace Metropolitan Bishoy, Coptic Orthodox Church (1995-2001)
Rev. Dr Milan Opočenský, World Alliance of Reformed Churches (1992-2001)

Staff: Dr HS Wilson, Church of South India (1992-1998)
Dr Odair Pedroso Mateus, Independent Presbyterian Church of Brazil (2000, 2001)