

"INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST - REFORMED DIALOGUE"

sponsors: Disciples Ecumenical Consultative Council (Disciples of Christ) [<https://disciples.org/>]
and World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) [www.wcrc.ch]
formerly World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC)

1979

Establishment of the Disciples Ecumenical Consultative Council (DECC)

Preliminary meeting

July, 1984 - Geneva, Switzerland

"Exploring possibility of closer relations; decision to hold a consultation whose purpose was to introduce each other to the other"

1985

Papers of the Consultation published as *Reformed and Disciples of Christ in Dialogue*, Studies from the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, 6 (Geneva: WARC, 1985).

MEETINGS:

1. March 4-11, 1987 - Birmingham, England

"Themes included: our common faith; the Church; Baptism; Lord's Supper; ministry; mutual recognition as churches; and cooperation" - TOWARDS CLOSER FELLOWSHIP: REPORT OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST-REFORMED INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE

Co-Chair: Dr. Lukas Vischer (WARC)
Dr. Paul A. Crow, Jr. (DECC)

April, 1988

Papers and reports published in *Mid-Stream: An Ecumenical Journal*, 27, 2 (1988).

July, 1994 - Indianapolis, Indiana USA

A WARC/Disciples of Christ Ecumenical Consultation recommended closer monitoring of Disciples of Christ-Reformed relations.

2. January 14-16, 2002 - Geneva, Switzerland

"The consultation was called to review WARC-Disciples relations in the recent past and to consider the way forward. Having studied the reports produced in 1984 and 1986 and in view of the recognition by both parties of one another as visible expressions of the one church of Christ, the consultation recommends that the goal of relations between WARC and DECC should now be the development of comprehensive partnership in pursuit of the vision of the two eventually becoming one" - REPORT

Participants:

WARC: Hugh Davidson, United Kingdom
Setri Nyomi, Switzerland/Ghana
Bishop D. K. Sahu, India
Olivia Masih White, U.S.A.

DECC: Carmelo Alvarez, U.S.A.
Richard L. Harrison, U.S.A.
Shemett Smith, Jamaica
Robert Welsh, U.S.A.

3. March 24-26, 2003 - London, UK

"The goal of the relationship between WARC and DECC should now be the development of a comprehensive partnership in pursuit of the visible unity of the church" - REPORT

4. July 26-27, 2008 - Nashville, Tennessee USA

"Concentrated on the relationship between the two Churches also in light of the forthcoming merger to form the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC)" - COMMUNIQUÉ

June 18-28, 2010 - Grand Rapids, Michigan USA

"The reception of the Disciples Ecumenical Consultative Council (DECC) as an associate member of the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC)"

5. February 15, 2011 - Geneva, Switzerland

"Talks aimed at strengthening links among their member churches at the local and regional levels" - NOTES