

"THE JOINT LUTHERAN / RC STUDY COMMISSION ON "THE GOSPEL AND THE CHURCH""

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FIRST PHASE

August 25-27, 1965 - Strasbourg, France

Exploratory meeting to determine whether and in what manner the relations which have already begun can be continued and intensified; the content, shape and scope of possible discussions; central theological issues for future dialogue

April 13-15, 1966 - Strasbourg, France

Further study on projected dialogue; establishment of Roman Catholic - Lutheran Working Group -
JOINT REPORT

MEETINGS:

1. November 26-30, 1967 - Zürich, Switzerland
"Gospel and Tradition"
2. September 15-19, 1968 - Båstad, Sweden
"World and Church under the Gospel"
3. May 4-8, 1969 - Nemi, Italy
"Structures of the Church"
4. February 22-26, 1970 - Cartigny / Geneva, Switzerland
"Gospel and Law - Gospel and Christian Freedom"
5. February 21-26, 1971 - San Anton, Malta
"The Gospel and the Church - The Malta Report" (1972) - FINAL REPORT

CO-CHAIRMEN: Prof. Dr. Einar Molland
Oslo, Norway
Prof. Dr. Walter Kasper
Tübingen, Federal Republic of Germany

CO-SECRETARIES: Prof. Dr. Harding Meyer, Lutheran (1967-1972)
Dr. August B. Hasler, Catholic (1967-1972)

SECOND PHASE

“JOINT EVANGELICAL-LUTHERAN - ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMISSION”

MEETINGS:

1. March 21-24, 1973 - Geneva, Switzerland
“Survey of Lutheran / RC Relations; Program planning; the significance of the world for the self-understanding of the Church”
2. January 8-12, 1974 - Rome, Italy
“The Ministry in interconfessional dialogue; theology of liberation and the structures of the Church; Church’s self-understanding”
3. March 15-21, 1976 - Liebfrauenberg, France
“Review of the way in which the “Malta Report” is being received; Lord’s Supper; models of unity”
4. March 5-12, 1977 - Paderborn, Germany
“Eucharist; ministry; models of the Church”
5. October 7-12, 1978 - Sigtuna, Sweden
“Ordained ministry; episcopate; models of the Church; ways to communion”
“The Lord’s Supper” - JOINT STATEMENT and OBSERVATION
6. February 19-23, 1980 - Augsburg, Germany
“All Under One Christ” - JOINT STATEMENT
“Ways to Community” - JOINT STATEMENT and OBSERVATION
7. March 9-14, 1981 - Lantana, Florida (USA)
“The Ministry in the Church” - JOINT STATEMENT and OBSERVATION
8. May 10-15, 1982 - Venice, Italy
“Models of unity”
9. May 2-7, 1983 - Württemberg, Germany
“Martin Luther - Witness to Jesus Christ” - JOINT STATEMENT and COMMENTARY
10. February 27-March 3, 1984 - Rome, Italy
“Facing Unity. Models, Forms and Phases of Catholic-Lutheran Church Fellowship” - JOINT REPORT and COMMENTARY

CO-CHAIRMEN: Prof. Dr. George A. Linbeck (1973-1984)
Professor, Yale University New Haven, CT (USA)
Most Rev. Hans L. Martensen (1973-1984)
Bishop of Copenhagen, Denmark

CO-SECRETARIES: Dr. Peder Nørgaard-Højen, Lutheran (1973-1974)
Prof. Dr. Vilmos Vajta, Lutheran (1974-1983)
Rev. Dr. Carl H. Mau, Jr., Lutheran (1980-1984)
Rev. Dr. Daniel F. Martensen, Lutheran (1980-1984)
Rev. Dr. Eugene Brand, Lutheran (1984-1986)

Msgr. Dr. Aloys Klein, Catholic (1980-1990)
Prof. Dr. H. Schütte, Catholic (1973-1980)
Msgr. Dr. Charles Moeller, Catholic (1980)
Rev. Fr. Pierre Duprey, M. Afr., Catholic (1981-1986)

THIRD PHASE

MEETINGS:

1. March 10-14, 1986 - Céligny (Bossey), Switzerland
"Justification, ecclesiology, sacramentality"
2. February 15-21, 1987 - Wiesbaden-Naurod, Federal Republic of Germany
"Doctrine of Justification and doctrine of the Church"
3. March 7-11, 1988 - Versailles, France
"Justification"
4. February 27-March 4, 1989 - Opole, Poland
"Contextual theology; ecclesiology"
5. October 1-5, 1990 - Oslo, Norway
"Ecclesiology; justification"
6. September 30-October 4, 1991 - Venice, Italy
"Ecclesiology; justification"
7. November 10-14, 1992 - Eisenbach, Germany
"Church and justification; 25th anniversary of the Lutheran/Catholic Dialogue; future of the dialogue"
8. September 5-11, 1993 - Würzburg, Germany
"Church and Justification"
"Church and Justification - Understanding the Church in the Light of the Doctrine of the Justification" - JOINT REPORT and COMMENTARY

CO-PRESIDENTS: Rt. Rev. James R. Crumley, Jr. (1986-1993)
Retired Bishop of the former Lutheran Church in America
Most Rev. Karl Lehmann (1986-1987)
Bishop of Mainz, Germany
Most Rev. Paul-Werner Scheele (1988-1993)
Bishop of Würzburg, Germany

CO-SECRETARIES: Rev. Dr. Eugene Brand, Lutheran (1986-1993)
Mgr. Basil Meeking, Catholic (1986-1987)
Mgr. John Radano, Catholic (1986-1993)
Prof. Heinz-Albert Raem, Catholic (1990-1993)

FOURTH PHASE (1995-2006)

MEETINGS:

1. September 10-16, 1995 - Lärkkulla, Finland
*"Apostolicity of the Church, episcopacy and structures for Christian unity, Eucharist, ethical questions;"
organizational planning*

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2. September 1-7, 1996 - Rottenburg, Germany
"Apostolic nature of the Church, Eucharist, ethics and moral issues"
3. August 31 - September 6, 1997 - Dobogókö, Hungary
"Apostolicity and Eucharist"
4. August 28-September 3, 1998 - Kamien Slaskij (Opole), Poland
"Apostolicity and Eucharist; reactions to the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification"
5. August 26 - September 1, 1999 - Tutzing, Germany
"From the Apostolic Gospel to the Apostolicity of the Church; Apostolic Succession and Ordained Ministry"
6. September 5-12, 2000 - Bose/Magnano, Italy
*"Apostolicity of the Church: Apostolic Succession and Ordained Ministry; Episkopé, Historical Development
and Theological Evaluation"*
7. September 4-10, 2001 - Smidstrup Strand, Denmark
*"Church Teaching which remains in the Truth; Doctrine and Apostolic Faith in Early and Medieval Church
Developments; Scripture (Canon) and Tradition from the Lutheran Perspective; the Concept and Understanding
of the Magisterium in Catholic Theology from the Council of Trent to the Second Vatican Council; Ecclesial
Ministry of Apostolic Teaching from the Lutheran Perspective"*
8. August 30 - September 6, 2002 - Würzburg, Germany
"Apostolicity of the Church: Biblical, Historical and Theological Aspects"
9. July 9-17, 2004 - Baltimore, Maryland (USA)
*"Biblical, historical and systematic theological aspects of apostolicity; Apostolicity of the Church-NT
foundations; The apostolic gospel and the apostolicity of the church; Apostolic succession and the ordained
ministry; Church teaching which remains in the truth"*
10. September 22-30, 2005 - Cassano delle Murge (Bari), Italy
*"Final meeting and preparation of report on The Apostolicity of the Church; identification and assessment of the
'elements' of apostolicity in the church and their configuration; issues of apostolic succession; the question of
defectus sacramenti ordinis and a universal teaching ministry"
"The Apostolicity of the Church" - FINAL REPORT and COMMENT*

- CO-PRESIDENTS:
- Dr. Béla Harmati
Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Hungary, Lutheran (1996-2006)
 - Archbishop Alfons Nossol
Archbishop of Opole, Poland (2001-2006)
 - Prof. Dr. Cardinal Walter Kasper (1996-2001)
Bishop emeritus of Rottenburg-Stuttgart, Germany
Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Catholic

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Msgr. Heinz-Albert Raem, Catholic (1995-1996)
Msgr. John Radano, Catholic (1995-1999)

FIFTH PHASE (2008-2019)

MEETINGS:

1. July 20-27, 2009 - Breklum (Hamburg), Germany
"Discussion on the new theme of Baptism and Growth in Communion and on drafting a resource for the 2017 Reformation anniversary"
 2. September 22-29, 2010 - Regensburg, Germany
"Work aimed at drafting a common position on the 2017 Reform Year; continuation of the theme of Baptism and Growth in Communion"
 3. July 8-15, 2011 - Helsinki, Finland
"Continuation of work on the document From Conflict to Communion; continuation on theme of Baptism and Growth in Communion"
 4. July 12-19, 2012 - Paderborn, Germany
"Continuation of work on the document From Conflict to Communion; continuation on theme of Baptism and Growth in Communion"
 5. August 13-20, 2013 - Kyoto, Japan
"Completion of From Conflict to Communion; continuation on theme of Baptism and Growth in Communion"
"From Conflict to Communion" - FINAL REPORT
 6. July 20-28, 2015 - Bose, Italy
"Continuation on theme of Baptism and Growth in Communion"
 7. July 13-21, 2015 - Budapest, Hungary
"Continuation on theme of Baptism and Growth in Communion"
 8. July 17-21, 2016 - Welwyn Garden City, UK
"Continuation on theme of Baptism and Growth in Communion"
 9. July 18-25, 2017 - Kamień Śląski (Opole), Poland
"Work on Report of Baptism and Growth in Communion; celebration of 50 years of international Catholic-Lutheran theological dialogue"
 10. July 18-24, 2018 - Klingenthal (Strasbourg), France
"Work on finalizing report of Baptism and Growth in Communion"
- June 21, 2021 - Geneva and Rome
Baptism and Growth in Communion. Report of the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Commission on Unity. FINAL REPORT and COMMENT

CO-PRESIDENTS: Bishop Dr. Eero Huovinen, Finland (2008-2019)
Bishop emeritus of Helsinki Finland

Bishop Prof. Dr Gerhard Ludwig Müller, Germany (2008-2011)
Bishop Prof. Dr Kurt Koch, Switzerland (2008)
Auxiliary Bishop Prof. Dr Karlheinz Diez, Germany (2012)
Auxiliary Bishop of Fulda
Right Reverend William Kenney, CP (2013-2019)
Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham

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SPECIAL COMMISSION ON THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

DECLARATION ON THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

1. August 31 - September 6, 1997 - Dobogókö, Hungary
Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification - JOINT DECLARATION
2. June 11, 1999 - Geneva, Switzerland
Joint press conference presenting the "Official Common Statement and Annex" to the Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification signed October 31, 1999, Augsburg, Germany - COMMON STATEMENT
3. October 31, 1999 - Augsburg, Germany
Solemn Signing of the "Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification"

- ** October 26-28 March, 2019 - South Bend, Indiana (USA)
Consultation of the signers of the JDDJ – (The World Methodist Council affirmed JDDJ in 2006; the Anglican Communion in 2016; and the World Communion of Reformed Churches in 2017)