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PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN
THE PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY AND
A GROUP OF NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN LEADERS

Rome, 15-16 April 2008

Preliminary Conversations between the PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY AND A GROUP OF NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN LEADERS took place in Rome on 15-16 April 2008. In line with the decisions taken during a prior exploratory meeting (Rome, 24 March 2007), the Conversations focused on the question of confessional identity, understood in terms of self-understanding and concept of Christian unity. The *Preliminary Conversations* were marked by a climate of friendship and prayerful participation. The positive outcome of the meeting led to the decision to meet again in Rome on 27-28 April 2009.

The Non-Denominational Christians who attended the Conversations were: Dr Eric Belcher (Christ for the Nations, Dallas, USA); Dr John Cathcart (World Missionary Evangelism Inc., Dallas, USA); Pastor Ulf Ekman (Word of Life, Sweden); Mr John Noble (Pioneer Network, UK); and Dr Lonnie Laughlin (Living Stones Church, Litchfield, USA), serving as Co-Secretary.

The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity was represented by: Bishop Brian Farrell (Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Vatican City); Reverend Father James Puglisi (Centro Pro Unione, Rome); Mr Charles Whitehead (United Kingdom); and Msgr Juan Usma Gómez, (Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Vatican City), serving as Co-Secretary.