

Press Release

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

Rome, 28 April 2009

A *Preliminary Conversation* between the PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY AND A GROUP OF NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN LEADERS took place in Rome on 27-28 April 2009. This second meeting of such conversations dealt with the issue of "Identity and self-understanding". The Non-Denominational team focused on the Anointing of the Holy Spirit, while the Catholic team spoke about the role of doctrine in the Catholic Church.

The working sessions were preceded by devotions led alternatively by each side. At the end of the Conversations it was decided to meet again in Rome in April 2010.

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

Delegates from the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity were: Bishop Brian Farrell (Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Vatican City/Ireland); Reverend Father James Puglisi (Centro Pro Unione, Rome/USA); Mr Charles Whitehead (United Kingdom); Reverend Carter Griffin (Rome/USA); Reverend Gregory Fairbanks (Pontifical Council for Christian Unity, Vatican City/USA) and Reverend Mgr Juan Usma Gómez, (Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Vatican City/ Colombia), who serves as Co-Secretary.