

Press Release

PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY AND A GROUP OF LEADERS OF NEW CHARISMATIC CHURCHES

Rome, 28-29 May 2012

A *Preliminary Conversation* between the PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY and A GROUP OF LEADERS OF NEW CHARISMATIC CHURCHES took place in Rome on 28-29 May 2012. This third meeting of such preliminary conversations focused on an evaluation of past encounters (2007 and 2009) and on preparing a project for the way forward. It was decided that a three-year round of conversations will commence in 2014 on a yearly basis on the theme *Authority, Revelation and the Word of God*.

The working sessions were preceded by devotions led alternatively by each side.

The Leaders of New Charismatic Churches who attended the Conversations were: Reverend John Cathcart (World Missionary Evangelism Inc., Dallas, TX, USA); Pastor Ulf Ekman (Word of Life, Sweden); Mr John Noble (Engage Church, Pioneer Network, UK); Pastor Patrick Sparrow (Shouts of Grace Church, USA); Dr Richard Roberts (Springdale College, Birmingham, UK); and Dr Lonnie Laughlin (Adullam Outpost 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 Gregory Fairbanks (Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Vatican City/USA); Reverend Father James Puglisi (Centro Pro Unione, Rome/USA); Mr Charles Whitehead (United Kingdom); and Reverend Mgr Juan Usma Gómez, (Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Vatican City/Colombia), who serves as Co-Secretary.