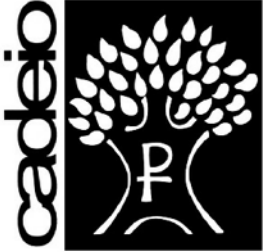


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“Has Christ Been Divided?” National Workshop on Christian Unity 2014, Albuquerque, New Mexico

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The theme for the 2014 National Workshop on Christian Unity (NWCU), April 28–May 1, was “Has Christ Been Divided?” from 1 Corinthians. The question Paul asks is tongue-in-cheek, since Christ cannot be divided. Nor should the Church be divided. At ecumenical events, including prayer services during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the entirety of the NWCU, the spirit of joy in being together is abundant. Because of cooperative events like the NWCU, I feel like I can answer that rhetorical question with a resounding “No! We are one.”

As the conference took place, many of you had the opportunity to meet members of the local Archdiocese of Santa Fe Ecumenical Commission. These women and men were involved in the NWCU happenings as much as possible, beginning with a meeting back in September with Fr. Don Rooney to assess the needs of CADEIO during that last week in April 2014. To that end, commission members, under the leadership of our ecumenical officer Monsignor J. Voorhies, committed to setting up Monday’s CADEIO board meeting at Old Town’s San Felipe Church, along with providing rides to and from the Hyatt Regency, and arranging for breakfast and lunch.

While various network board and executive committee meetings and orienta-

tions occurred on the first day of the NWCU, Monday, April 28, the magic officially began with the Opening Worship and Reception that evening at the Cathedral of St. John Episcopal Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico. A native choir from Laguna Pueblo partici-



San Felipe Church, site of the CADEIO Board of Directors Meeting, April 28.

pated in the service, and the Rt. Rev. David Bailey, the Episcopal bishop serving Navajoland, preached while his brother bishops from other networks, including Archbishop Michael Sheehan of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, attended. I found out later that Rev. Bailey had to deliver his message off the cuff as he had left his notes at home!

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Letter from the President

Dear Members of CADEIO,

About this time of year we would be updating you with news about and preparing for our Summer Institute—this year, for the first time, two Summer Institutes, at Mundelein University and St. Paul's

College in DC—but both are canceled. With only a few people registering for each, it didn't make sense to involve more staff to host them than there would be people attending.

And this year, too, after reviewing the content for our upcoming Executive Committee Meeting and realizing that there is nothing to meet about, we have canceled the fall meeting which is normally always held to discuss Association activities and resolve any questions that are brought to us.

To my knowledge, these things have never been canceled before. It has led me to reflect a little more deeply about the state of things at this moment in time. From the perspective of an outsider looking in, it must seem like we are living in a time of the greatest hope and anticipation with Pope Francis. His leadership calls us and the world to an awareness of our duties in ecumenical and interreligious relationships almost daily.

Personally, I must say that I have never been more hopeful for positive advances in the work that we have done for years without a lot of public effect. It seems like there would be palpable excitement, enthusiasm, Spirit, new commitment, like the phone could be ringing off the wall about it. Instead, nothing.

Is it possible that the “darkest hour before the dawn” is happening here? I hope so. Maybe we are just catching up to the greater reality.

My reflection about CADEIO has clarified. I'm always explaining to our Parish Advisory Board that leadership in the parish doesn't mean that you have to do everything yourself. Not only is it physically impossible, it isn't healthy for the community. In the same way, the leadership of CADEIO probably isn't supposed to be doing everything for the members, but, rather, helping the members do something. We are here to help facilitate all the activity that is going on where you,

members, are active, and report about it so that our best practices can be shared with all the country. The reality is that there probably is a lot going on in dioceses and parishes across the country, but nobody is in communication with our Association. Perhaps we should have a conversation about CADEIO's relevance to the actual church and how we might be more effective for you (or whether you need an association like CADEIO at all?).

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In the four months' time since we finished the new website and invited members (286) to log in, create new passwords, and update their contact information, 14 have done so. The old list server which we have used for four or five years has automatically dropped members when, because contact information changes, e-mails have bounced back enough times. We actually don't know who receives or doesn't receive our e-mails on the old system anymore. It will be discontinued at the end of this summer. The new system is as easy as logging on so that every update on the website now becomes an automatic e-mail to your box to keep in touch.

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Please see the instructions for logging in, published again from the last newsletter.

This is the time of year when assignments and moves are happening—and the greatest shifts are made among the clergy population of our membership. Please log in, and correct your contact information if there are any changes by July 15, when we will publish the new PDF Directory. Only members who log in have access to updated information newer than the Directory that is posted publicly.

Our next meeting now will be at the National Workshop in Charlotte (April 20–23, 2015). In the meantime, our Secretary, Jan Skrehot, is finishing up the minutes from Albuquerque, and I will forward them to all our Board Members when I receive them. Let's

review where we have goals and tasks for the coming year and make some progress in committees that exist and are forming.

I ask that Region Representatives keep track of diocesan leadership and try your best to organize some sort of meeting among those Officers of your region between now and next spring.

Thank you for all you do. Have a good summer.



Fr. Don Rooney

Log In to the CADEIO Website and Online Directory

by Rick Caporali, Diocese of Arlington (reprinted from March 2014 issue)

We have been hard at work enhancing the website these last several months, and we are finally to a point that we can officially launch the online directory. For anyone familiar with maintaining a contact list of friends and colleagues the biggest challenge is keeping the information current. Our CADEIO contact information is no different—with the latest enhancement, registered members will have the ability to update their contact information themselves.

Unfortunately, we only learn of a change in position, or relocation as a result of a “bounced” e-mail. It is our hope with this feature we will more accurately and efficiently communicate upcoming activities and events, and provide access to real-time contact information for all members. The online directory also provides the opportunity to reach out and collaborate with fellow ecumenical members in your respective regions. We invite each

representative to share diocesan or region events that may be of interest to those in your area: send the promotional information to us, and we will post it on the site's calendar.

Over the past few weeks, full members of CADEIO should have received a “Welcome” e-mail that provided a user id, typically the first initial of your first name and your full last name (without any punctuation) and a site-generated password. Please click on the link included in the e-mail. It will redirect you to the site to reset your password. Once logged on, you will have full access to the directory and other features of the site and will automatically be notified via e-mail of all new content and information when it is posted. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this new feature, please contact Rick Caporali, rcaporali@stmaryfred.org.

Associate members of CADEIO will be added to the online database over the next several weeks.



Drummers accompanied the choir from Laguna Pueblo that provided music for the Opening Worship at St. John Episcopal Church, April 28.

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Steve Herrera, a nationally known recording artist who lives in Albuquerque, worked with me on all of the morning prayer services, which we hope people found to be a joyful way to begin each day.

In the plenary session on Tuesday morning, Rev. Joseph Komonchak, editor of the English edition of the five-volume *History of Vatican II* (1996), talked about the groundbreaking nature of the Vatican II documents, in particular the *Decree on Ecumenism*, which asserts, among other things, that Protestants seek and find God in Scripture. While many decry that we are in the “winter of ecumenism,” Rev. Komonchak is optimistic in light of the ongoing ecumenical conversa-

tions happening. He mentioned that Pope Francis is a Vatican II priest who takes the council for granted and picked up the theme of the Church existing for the sake of the poor. In true ecumenical spirit, Rev. Komonchak quoted Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger’s assertion that the true Church is found among those who possess the spirit of Christ.

Like Pope Francis, our mentality has been shaped by these Vatican II texts, and we tend to take them for granted. This makes it difficult to describe to younger folks just how radical the changes wrought by the council were at the time. For this reason, Rev. Komonchak had his students at the Catholic University of America, where he taught for nearly 50 years, interview those who remember what it was like before Vatican II, with the index of forbidden books, the Latin liturgy, etc.

Following that first plenary were several seminars from which to choose. With the 2017 commemoration of the Reformation approaching, I opted for Dr. Kathryn Johnson’s “500 Years of Reformation,” which was excellent. Dr. Johnson covered the history of past Reformation anniversaries and then looked to the future of ongoing reformation. She offered resources for commemorating the anniversary, including the document *From Conflict to Communion* from the Lutheran World Federation and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (2013); liturgical resources, which will be available early next year, stressing the joy in the gospel; and theme booklets offering global perspectives for local study. Dr. Johnson emphasized the importance of telling our stories together—listening,

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The NWCU 2014 opening plenary, Tuesday, April 29.



Pictured: (left) National Planning Committee Chair the Rev. Jan Olav Flaaten shows the Jeff Gros Award designed by Fr. Don Rooney; (right) CADEIO clergy in the procession at the Catholic Mass, Immaculate Conception Church, Tuesday, April 29.

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repenting, accompanying—and urged a vision that looks beyond 2017.

Lunch on Tuesday offered the opportunity to present the Jeff Gros Award for Ecumenical Excellence. This was a bittersweet moment in the conference, as many there reflected on the lives of two great ecumenically minded individuals: Brother Jeffery Gros, FSC, who passed away last year and in whose memory the award was created, and Bishop Thomas L. Hoyt, Jr., of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, who received the award posthumously. The award itself, created by Fr. Don Rooney, was a single flame crafted in glass with two tongues in dialogue with each other.

The Rev. Dr. John Armstrong, an Evangelical, spoke about an emerging new ecumenism engaging Catholics and Protestants with Evangelical Christians. His message was one of hope for the future of Christian unity, a future that includes Evangelical communities. Even though one of the biggest obstacles to connecting with Evangelicals is that they do not have a “head of communion,” this, said Rev. Armstrong, should not deter ecumenical dialogue locally.

Worship on Tuesday evening was a Catholic Mass at Immaculate Conception parish in downtown Albuquerque, where Archbishop Michael Sheehan of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, was the homilist, and spoke of the importance of the work of ecumenism. The choir, led by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe’s Fabian Nanez, included well-known composer and musician Mary Frances Reza, who lives in Albuquerque.

The Bible studies on Wednesday and Thursday mornings with Dr. George Tinker from Iliff School of Theology were different and provocative. On the subject of ecumenism, Dr. Tinker used a native metaphor of the sky and earth being divided yet always together. He also stressed the importance of the community over the individual and spoke about the real division created in the native communities over the concept of individual salvation. His emphasis on Wednesday morning was the Biblical phrase “go and make disciples,” which according to his exegesis was an incorrect use of the imperative. Rather, a more accurate translation from the Greek, he said, would be “as you go” or “as you are going.” This reading of the verse changes the meaning so that the emphasis is less on converting the world and more on sharing the faith and creating fellow learners.

On Thursday, following the engaging story of the Woman at the Well by storyteller Sean Buvala, Dr. Tinker looked at the beginning of the Gospel of John and the use of “logos.” He also denounced universalizing, and gave the demonizing of darkness and night as an example, since in his native culture, night is when encounters with the spirit world happen. He relayed the salvation story of the Corn Maiden who gave her body, her life, for her family. This is the “Christ-ness” of the Corn Maiden, and there is an understanding among the native people that when you eat, you are eating your relatives. Dr. Tinker said that the message for Christians is that we should be in touch with the sacramentality of eating,

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with the idea that “you are what you eat,” and stop preaching Jesus and start being Jesus.

The seminar I chose to attend on Wednesday morning was *Ecumenism: A New Horizon in Hispanic/Latino Ministry* by Alejandro Aguilera-Titus. This presentation was more of a conversation, with 20 or so people sitting in a circle. Several of those who attended were local Catholic leaders. Alejandro indicated the need for mentoring Hispanic leadership in ecumenism, and experience dictates that the context of the family is a primary element upon which to focus. Due to the growing Hispanic population, there is, in the United States, a sense of competition for Hispanic immigrants among the Christian churches. While the majority coming to America are Catholic, proselytization is intense, and immigrants are presented with overwhelming options when it comes to church membership. Alejandro mentioned his own experience of coming to Oregon from Mexico and, looking through the Yellow Pages, discovering 37 Christian denominations in a city of 12,000. In general, he says, Hispanic immigrants are profoundly ecumenical and want to talk about God, not about theology (which is similar to what Rev. Armstrong said about reaching out to Evangelicals at lunch on Tuesday). Forty-five percent of Catholic Hispanics report having had a charismatic experience, which many mainline denominations, including Roman Catholics, see as extraordinary—and not in a good way! Alejandro also talked about Christian Churches Together (CCT). Many of those present indicated they had never heard of CCT, a consensus-driven organization with a diverse membership of churches and an ecumenical vision.

Lunch on Wednesday included a presentation on the Christian response to immigration by two local faith leaders: Bishop Oscar Cantu, named bishop of the New Mexico Diocese of Las Cruces just last year, who previously served as the ecumenical officer for the Diocese of San Antonio when he was auxiliary bishop there, and the Rev. John Dorhauer, the Conference Minister for the United Church of Christ (UCC) in the Southwest. Bishop Cantu talked about seeing the face of Christ in the immigrant and quoted from several papal documents about the need to “welcome the stranger” in our midst. Rev. Dorhauer gave credit to Catholic documents in promoting social justice, and mentioned the impact that Pope Francis’ recent apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, had on him and his ministry. In the UCC Southwest Conference, many



Bishop Oscar Cantu of the Diocese of Las Cruces and Rev. John Dorhauer, Conference Minister for the United Church of Christ in the Southwest, discuss immigration as an occasion for welcoming the stranger.

congregations are known as “immigrant-welcoming” congregations because of their hospitality to those who have come across the border to seek safety and a better life. In Arizona, where there has been much contention over the rights of immigrants, it has been difficult for pastors, since congregations are often split over the issue of undocumented immigration. Rev. Dorhauer called to task many of those pastors for being too timid and too concerned with the collection plate to be the prophets they are called to be. Authentic ministry, he said, drawing from Dietrich Bonhoeffer, involves taking prophetic risks, even if doing so requires churches to surrender their tax-exempt status.

CADEIO’s network gathering on Wednesday included an engaging presentation by Bishop Denis Madden on experiences living in the Holy Land (particularly his involvement with the Tantur Ecumenical Institute) and the “Francis Factor.” He began by saying that when he asked Lutherans what gave them hope for the future of ecumenism, the response was “Pope Francis.” He then talked about the importance of three words—journey, build, and confess—and fostering a culture of encounter. It is imperative that we always act as one unless we really, absolutely cannot.

Worship that evening was an exciting change of pace. While the service was a Methodist Eucharist, the guest homilist was CADEIO’s Fr. Don Rooney. What a testament to ecumenical cooperation! Fr. Don’s enthusiasm was contagious, and he invited everyone to participate by singing with him. Walking back to the hotel, many commented on the positive spirit of that worship service.

Thursday’s closing address with Dr. Diana Butler Bass was thought provoking. Titled “One in the Spirit:

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Fitzgerald Award Winner: Committee Report

by Fr. Joe Wallace, Diocese of Camden

I am happy to share with you that Bishop Denis J. Madden, Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore, will be the recipient of this year's Fitzgerald Award. Bishop Madden serves as chair of the Bishop's Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs. He has served as Associate Secretary General of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, reaching out on behalf of the Holy See to our brothers and sisters from the various Eastern churches. In this capacity he helped in the efforts to build religious institutions, facilitate priestly ministries, prepare church leadership, respond to urgent human needs, care for needy children, build social service institutions, promote social development, and foster interfaith communication.

Bishop Madden has been an ardent advocate of the training, education, and formation of ecumenical officers. He has advocated integrated programs that respond to the needs of priests, religious, deacons, and lay people. His focus on ecumenical and interreligious formation of the lay faithful does not only include those serving in ecumenical positions or on ecumenical councils but also those who collaborate in social



Fitzgerald Award winner Bishop Denis J. Madden with CADEIO President Fr. Don Rooney (left) and Awards Committee Chair Fr. Joe Wallace (right).

justice ministries or couples in ecumenical marriages. I congratulate Bishop Madden and thank him for his years of service to the wider ecumenical and interreligious community. We also received the names of other worthy candidates for the Fitzgerald Award that will be added to the roster for next year's selection.

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The Spiritual but not Religious and the Future of Ecumenism," Dr. Butler Bass' PowerPoint presentation began with an analogy. She likened the current state of Christianity to climate change: the weather outside one's window is not synonymous with the climate change, which is more akin to looking at the big picture. That big picture indicates changes coming in society that will necessitate changes in how the Church evangelizes. Dr. Butler Bass is on the board of the Public Religion Research Institute, which did an American Values Survey in 2012, and she presented information from that survey. This included a slide on "The End of the White Christian Strategy, which showed that a third of 18–29 year olds indicated that they are "unaffiliated" with any church. While many parents wonder "how did I go wrong" because their children don't go to church, there is no one cause that can be definitively identified. This is a cultural shift that we have inherited and which is cyclical, and the question, according to the presenter, isn't "Why did this happen?" but "How do we, as faith leaders, adapt to it?" This is a conversation

that needs to happen, and should happen ecumenically since this is an issue that crosses denominational lines.

The conference ended for most after lunch on Thursday, when the wind finally began to die down and the sun came out to warm the air. I know there may be some unbelievers who attended this year's NWCU, so let me assure you and try to make believers out of you: New Mexico really does have phenomenal weather; sunshine and warm temperatures rule most of the year. That said, when the NWCU National Planning Commission came out for a few days in mid-September to check out the lay of the land, we got rain—*inches and inches of much-needed, torrential rain, which is not the norm. Really!* The week before the NWCU, we had warm temperatures and calm breezes, but the week of the conference, it was cold and windy. This is my disclaimer: the Local Planning Committee duties I was given did not include weather control, or I would have ordered "the usual." But prove it to yourself by coming for a visit another time! The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is the first two weekends in October ...

I hope to see you all again next year in Charlotte, North Carolina!

A Dialogue of Love

by Rev. John Crossin, OSFS, Executive Director, Secretariat of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs

I enjoy reading the Focolare's monthly publication *Living City*. The May 2014 issue has a series of practical personal articles on dialogue.

Since the members of CADEIO engage in dialogue in a variety of ways, I thought that I should bring this issue to your attention.

One article, "Love does not quit," by Rabbi Tsvi Blanchard was of particular interest. He talks about dialogue rooted in love. He believes that such dialogue will most likely lead to mutual understanding. "We become willing to risk being changed as people. We agree not only to listen and understand, but also to allow ourselves to be transformed. The deep mutuality of dialogue rooted in love can, and will, change the participants." [p. 11]

In a 1998 article repeated in this May 14 issue of *Living City*, Chiara Lubich, the foundress of the Focolare, says, "You should not love in order to win the other person over.... No, you should love just in order to love." [p.14] This reminds me that the Holy Spirit is to lead the dialogue. We follow the divine guidance and not our own presumptions.

I also have found the monthly articles helpful on my spiritual journey. There is always one or other that gives me some insight into the spiritual life.

Of course I read *Living City* because I know some of the members of Focolare—and their efforts to live a spirituality of unity are an inspiration.

John W. Crossin, OSFS

Nursing Education Day: "Exploring Religious Diversity in Healthcare"

Information from Fr. Francis "Butch" Mazur, Diocese of Buffalo

For Nursing Education Day, May 7, 2014, the Erie County Medical Center (ECMC) offered its staff a workshop on "Exploring Religious Diversity in Healthcare."

The program lasted two hours, and participants could choose to attend in the morning or in the afternoon. It consisted of three half-hour small-group sessions in which presentations were given from Muslim, Native

American, Buddhist, Jehovah's Witness, Church of Christ-Scientist, and atheist viewpoints.

The event was sponsored by ECMC's Nurse Education and Ethics Committees. It was facilitated by the Network of Religious Communities, an interreligious group that represents denominations, congregations, and religious organizations in Western New York State and the Niagara Peninsula of Southern Ontario, Canada.

Celebrating Reconciliation Together

Information from Fr. Bob Flannery, Director of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, Diocese of Belleville

The parish of St. Francis Xavier, Carbondale, Illinois, tried something new with its ecumenical sister parishes this past for Lent 2014.

On several Wednesday evenings in a row, members of three churches met for an Ecumenical Lenten Series of a simple soup and sandwich meal, followed by a prayer service. During the planning phase for the series, however, when pastor Fr. Bob Flannery met with the pastors of Epiphany Lutheran Church and St. Andrew Episcopal Church, he realized that he had scheduled the parish's annual penance service on the final evening of the Ecumenical Lenten Series. The penance service has been scheduled to accommodate the RCIA candidates who normally met on Wednesdays.

"My Lutheran and Episcopalian colleagues thought that this would be no problem for them," Bob Flannery explained in the parish bulletin announcing the service, "and that after the Liturgy of the Word service, we could still have our individual congregants—Catholic, Lutheran, and Episcopalian—go to their respective

pastors or to the visiting priests present. We will have signs clearly indicting the two Protestant traditions of Lutheran and Episcopalian where their pastors will either give preparation, counseling, or their absolution."

He further clarified the view and custom of each of the three traditions in regard to confession of sins.

"The Lund Principle in ecumenical life states that we should and can do together whatever we can do that does not contradict any of our basis teachings. This service is an example of this principle and is adapted to allow each of individual denominational traditions to be respected and honored. I personally feel blest and in awe that we live in a community of trust and mutual respect which allows the Body of Christ to be visibly connected whenever we can."

Also held at St. Francis Xavier was an Ecumenical Blessing of the Palms on April 12. A joint service of Evening Prayer for the Feast of the Ascension (a regular tradition among the three congregations) was held at Epiphany Lutheran Church, May 29.

LARCUM Bishops of South Carolina Issue Statement Supporting Public Education

Information provided by Fr. Alexander "Sandy" McDonald, STL, Diocese of Charleston, Vicar for Ecumenism

Five LARCUM Bishops in South Carolina issued a statement on public education to the people of South Carolina in April 2014.

In the statement, the bishops first reaffirm their commitment to work in unity "to lead the faithful in ways that direct our energy to the building up of the Kingdom of God and to make a difference around us."

They underscore the importance of education, including public education, for equipping citizens to be contributing members of society. They then decry the disparities in the delivery of public education in South Carolina, the inadequate funding, and the underachievement of students, calling it a "Corridor of Shame."

The bishops pledge their support for public education and ask their congregations and "all people of good will" to help schools and students reach their potential. The pledge includes continuing to offer themselves and

their resources and to "dialogue with our state legislators to craft and support initiatives to improve public education."

The letter ends with a promise to pray for the state's leaders, educators, and students. It is signed by the Rev. Dr. Herman R. Yoos, III, Bishop of the South Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; the Rt. Rev. W. Andrew Waldo, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina; the Rt. Rev. Charles Glenn vonRosenberg, Provisional Bishop of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina; the Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Charleston; and the Rev. L. Jonathon Holston, Resident Bishop of the South Carolina United Methodist Conference.

Visit <http://www.episcopalchurchsc.org/april-2014-larcum-statement.html> for the complete statement.

Christian Churches Together, USA, Liaison Report on 2014 Meeting

by Rt. Rev. Alexei Smith, Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer, Archdiocese of Los Angeles

For the past six years, Christian Churches Together (CCT) has educated itself and taken action on issues of poverty, racial justice, and immigration reform. This year, this ecumenical movement furthered its commitment to these issues by engaging the issue of mass incarceration in the United States and its relationship to race, immigration, and the family. Presenters included formerly incarcerated faith leaders, a federal judge, a former prosecutor, a director of state corrections, and a social worker. The press release issued at the conclusion of our February 4–7 meeting may be found at christianchurchestogether.org.

The number of participants from each of the five families of Christians that comprise CCT evidences, I think, their commitment to the movement: Catholic Family, 14 representatives; Evangelical/Pentecostal Family, 14 representatives; Historic Black Church Family, 2 representatives; Historic Protestant Family, 39 representatives; Orthodox Family, 5 representatives. This year the Polish National Catholic Church did not participate—although they have paid their dues. And sadly, there were no representatives from the Coptic Orthodox Church—although active initially, they have not been present at the past two meetings.

Rev. Carlos Malave, Executive Director of CCT, made the following points in his annual report:

1. CCT is not a programmatic organization but an ecumenical movement, although it has created an online Bible Study Guide based on CCT's response to Dr. Martin Luther King's Letter from the Birmingham Jail; CCT has also worked with the Evangelical Immigration Table and Fast for Families; and the steering committee met in a two-day retreat envisioning the future of CCT.

2. Sharing his vision for CCT, Carlos quoted Pope Francis: "Christ's name creates communion, not division..." Are we willing to bring about the Kingdom? What will be the legacy of the Christian Tradition that each of us will leave? A church that is counter-cultural and respectful of Chris-

tians other than themselves? Progressives eager to see the fulfillment of their ideals without being slowed down by Evangelicals? Evangelicals and conservatives are committed to many of the same ideals without leaving aside their traditional morals and convictions! He concluded by calling on each of us to continue the work of CCT.

3. Financially, CCT faces a \$30,000 deficit—some churches and organizations are not paying their assigned dues (American Bible Society; Coptic Orthodox Church; Evangelicals for Social Action; Free Methodist Church; Friends United Meeting; Greek Orthodox Church; National Baptist Convention of USA; National Association of Congregational Churches; Sojourners; Vineyard USA). Interestingly, although they have not paid their dues, the new national ecumenical officer for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese was elected to the CCT steering committee.

In the meeting of our Catholic Family, it was decided that in the future, we would make a concentrated effort to involve our local ecumenical officer and ecumenical commission in the cities hosting CCT meetings, as well as Catholic seminarians. Also, it was noted that the worship services this year were, for the most part, not well planned or celebrated. For example, at the final service, conducted by the Evangelical/Pentecostal Family, were music ministers brought in to enhance the worship at the hotel. We did visit the Saint Mark Syrian Orthodox Cathedral for evening prayer in the Orthodox tradition, which featured Syriac chant and was followed by a wonderful Middle Eastern meal and program by their youth orchestra. It was also suggested that similar to the reports made at each meeting by Habitat for Humanity, Bread for the World, and Sojourners, the work of Catholic Relief Services might be highlighted.

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EDEIO Liaison Report

by Rev. Joe Wallace, Diocese of Camden

The Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers, EDEIO, is the national network of those designated by their diocesan bishops with special responsibility for encouraging the search for the wider visible unity of Christ's Church and collegial relationships with members of other religious communities.

Every winter, the executive committee of EDEIO meets at the Duncan Conference Center, Delray Beach, Florida. The presidents of CADEIO, EDEIO, LERN, and other ecumenical organizations meet on the first day of the annual meeting to share, discuss, and inform one another of the progress of their respective organizations.

Discussed at the meeting were the following:

- Review of the plans for the NWCU
 - Conversations with CADEIO, LERN, UMEIT, NPC
 - Tri-network event on Workshop Wednesday
 - EDEIO Conversations with Bishop Bauerschmidt
 - Tuesday afternoon with CADEIO: Michael Root and Antecedents to Reformation
 - Two Eucharists
- Minutes from Columbus
- Nominating Committee to report in Albuquerque
- Election of Province Coordinators, Vacancies, Ideas ...

- Discussion of Assignment for SCEIR
- Directories
- Financial Report
- *E-notes*, web page
- Evaluation from Columbus
- Report from SCEIR
- Reports from
 - LERN
 - CADEIO
 - UMEIT
- Private discussion among Provincial Reps on the future of EDEIO
- Upcoming General Convention in Salt Lake City:
 - Theme: "Greening and Screening"
 - Election of Presiding Bishop
 - Discussing a "Re-Imaged Church"
 - How the Church can reduce its carbon footprint using innovative software and technology to streamline its legislative work and improve on its efficiencies
 - Working toward the "greenest convention ever"

These and many other executive committee matters were discussed. As always, the Roman Catholic guests were treated with great dignity and hospitality by our counterparts in the Episcopal Church.

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Bread for the World, and Sojourners, the work of Catholic Relief Services might be highlighted.

On a personal note, one highlight of this year's meeting for me was meeting two pastors from the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, who had not attended CCT meetings before. Over the years, I have struck up a friendship with their liaison to CCT, Bishop Doug Beacham, and we usually laugh and joke around a lot together. One of the new pastors observed this and stated that he had never spoken with a Catho-

lic priest before let alone joked and laughed with one! At the end of our days together, this pastor told me that coming to CCT had changed his entire perspective regarding not only ecumenism but particularly Catholic priests and that he looked forward to subsequent meetings. CCT provides just such a forum, where representatives of the various families of Christians can pray and work together, get to know one another, and simply share their gifts with one another for the building up of the Kingdom.

Faiths in the World Committee Report

by Rev. Phil Latronico, Diocese of Newark

The FITW had its annual working meeting in the Chicago Cenacle, Oct. 15–17, 2013. The purpose of the meeting was to look at interfaith and interreligious events of 2012–13 and look ahead to possible programs for 2013–14. This meeting brings together both active diocesan interreligious officers and academics who specialize in the various faiths and religions that exist in the United States and are not part of the Christian family.

The new co-chairs of FITW are Judi Longdin of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and Dr. Scott Alexander of Catholic Theological Union, Chicago.

The first night of the meeting was spent looking at what is going on in the United States. The members of the committee reflected on the realities of the past year. Remarkably a common thread throughout the country is that many of the tested officers and academics are reaching retirement age, and passing of the torch to the next generation of dialogue is occurring. The passing has been arduous labor and oftentimes, due to shortages of funds, is reflected by the reduction of staff and activity. This is also true among our colleagues in dialogue.

Despite this, the work continues. The 50th anniversary of *Nostra Aetate* is a call to look at the many

achievements and bridges that have been built in this time span. From the reality of a time of fear and mistrust to the present desire to learn, associate, and dialogue, we have much to be glad about. The reality also presents a modern challenge in that it calls us to continue our labors to help educate and form those who still see the other as threat of a mere curiosity.

Not only are dialogues continuing. We shared of the need to help our understandings of each other to assist other disciplines in life so as to create the ability to work together. Areas that were cited included development of programs in spirituality and medicine, the relationships of ministers working with end-of-life issues, the helping of people in coming to knowledge and understanding of the other and their faith and religious practice.

We hope to gather materials and resources to assist the interreligious and interfaith CADEIO member as a work of the next year and to provide information on the various programs that have been successful in the past.

Our meeting next year will be at the Chicago Cenacle, Oct. 14–16, 2014.

Lutheran-Catholic Liaison Report

by Ms. Judi Longdin, Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Conversations with the LERN network this year have been limited to e-mail correspondence. The LERN network continues to work to create strong communication structure with its members. In September of 2013, the network introduced a blog site that will replace the earlier *LERNings* publication. The blog includes monthly updates from Don McCoid and Kathryn Lohre, ELCA Ecumenical and Interreligious Staff, about the work of ELCA ecumenical and interreligious relations, notes from the monthly meetings of the LERN Executive Board, and news, information, and feature stories about the work of LERN. You can access the blog at lern.blogspot.com/.

Links to resources, the LERN manual, strategic guidelines, etc., continue to be available at the LERN network site www.elca.org/en/Faith/Ecumenical-and-Inter-Religious-Relations/Formation/LERN-Network.

Discerning ways to work together to prepare for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation continues to be a priority. This year, there will be a number of offerings at the National Workshop focused on the Reformation. Michael Root, in his plenary address to CADEIO/EDEIO will look at the Reformation through an historical lens; Kathryn Johnson, a member of the U.S. Lutheran-Catholic dialogue, will offer a seminar at the Workshop that will explore the “ongoing meanings of ‘reforming’ for the entire Church.” The LERN network will devote its network plenary on Tuesday afternoon to discussion of *From Conflict to Communion*. Taken together, these programs should provide a good foundation for continued conversations about the development of resources for use in local communities.

NCC USA Liaison Report

by Rev. Joe Witmer, Diocese of Youngstown

I have been your liaison from CADEIO to the Local and Regional Ecumenism (LRE) part of the National Council of Churches (NCC) over the past years. Staff persons of state and local ecumenical structures are represented in this, such as Fr. Tom Orians (of Graymoor) and myself.

The NCC has been undergoing a transformation over the past two years. Jim Winkler is the new General Secretary. He comes from deep involvement in the advocacy dimension of the United Methodists.

A meeting, called the Christian Unity Gathering (CUG), will take place May 18–10, 2014, near Dulles International Airport. The new configuration will be formally adopted at that time.

A “Convening Table” model will provide a new way for partners to be engaged with the NCC. Indeed, the primary way work will be done is now through these new Convening Tables. These tables are as follows:

- Theological Dialogue and Matters of Faith and Order
- Interreligious Relations and Collaboration on Topics of Mutual Concern
- Christian Education, Ecumenical Faith Formation, and Leadership Development
- Joint Action and Advocacy for Justice and Peace

Representatives of denominations, as well as members of LRE, will take their places at one of these tables to move the work forward.

The leader of LRE was present at the meeting of CCT earlier this year, keeping a strong link among different expressions of the ecumenical movement. Please keep all these individuals and structures in your thoughts and prayers.



“One Lord, One Faith,
One Baptism.” Eph 4:5

The Purposes of CADEIO

- To stimulate the exchange of ideas, experiences, and networking among the ecumenical officers of the dioceses in union with Rome.
- To promote programs which further the work of Christian unity and interreligious cooperation.
- To cooperate with the Bishop’s Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and other ecumenical and interreligious agencies.

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- North American Academy of Ecumenists Joint Conference with Southern California Ecumenical Council, “The Church: Towards a Common Vision,” Sept. 26-28, 2014, Burbank, CA.
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan. 18–25, 2015, “Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink.’” (John 4:7)
- National Workshop on Christian Unity, April 20–23, 2015, Omni Charlotte Hotel, Charlotte, NC.
- CADEIO 2015 Summer Institutes (to be announced).

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