



Cadeio

**CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION *of* DIOCESAN
ECUMENICAL *and* INTERRELIGIOUS OFFICERS**

**Board of Directors & General Assembly Meetings
Agendas, Minutes, Reports**

Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark

NWCU 2019

CADEIO

Board of Directors and General Assembly Meetings, and Reports

@ Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark
1 South Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri 63102

April 1-4, 2019

Monday, April 1, 2019

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting (*Continental Breakfast served*) (Ballpark 2)

12:10 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Mass @ Basilica of Saint Louis The Old Cathedral, 209 Walnut St. (All CADEIO members invited)

(Lunch on own)

ALL CADEIO MEMBERS (*Grand Ballroom Salons E & F*)

2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. CADEIO Opening Session: 21st Century CADEIO, Fr. Erich Rutten, *Facilitator*

3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CADEIO Regional Meetings

Thursday, April 4, 2019

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. CADEIO General Assembly (All CADEIO Members) (*Grand Ballroom Salon A*)

Noon – 1:30 p.m. CADEIO Board of Directors Meeting (*Grand Suite 3*)

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AGENDA
CADEIO Board of Directors Meeting

April 1, 2019
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The Board of Directors includes the Executive Committee and Regional Representatives of the 14 ecclesiastical regions of the USCCB and one for Eastern Catholic jurisdictions (voice & vote); Committee Chairs, Liaisons, Coordinators, and Past Presidents (voice & no vote).

1. Opening Prayer
 - a. In memoriam – for whom shall we pray...
 - i. **Msgr. Royale Vadakin** (March 27, 1938 - September 17, 2018) *Ecumenical officer of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles from 1971-1999 and a major participant in ecumenical, Jewish, and interreligious relations. He and Dr. John Borelli founded Faiths in the World in 1982.)*
 - ii. Others?
2. Welcome/Introductions
3. Amendment/Approval of Board of Directors Meetings Agendas
 - a. Monday, April 1, 2019
 - b. Thursday, April 4, 2019

>>Motion/vote: approve items 3.a and 3.b
4. Presentation of Nominees for Executive Committee (*Fr. Joseph Wallace*)

President	Fr. Don Rooney
Vice President	Fr. Joseph Wallace
Secretary	Fr. Phil Latronico
Treasurer	Rick Caporali

>>Motion/vote: approve slate for presentation to General Assembly
5. Secretary’s Report: Presentation/Approval of Minutes-2018 Board Meetings (*Fr. Phil Latronico*)
 - a. Monday, April 16, 2018
 - b. Thursday, April 19, 2018

>>Motion/vote: approve items 5.a and 5.b
6. Treasurer’s Report (*Mr. Rick Caporali*)
 - a. Financial Reports
 - i. Close of Fiscal Year 2018
 - ii. Fiscal Year 2019 to date
 - iii. Fiscal Year 2020 (2019-2020) Budget

>>Motion/vote: approve items 6a.i and 6a.iii
 - b. Update on non-profit status
 - c. Report on Membership/Payment of Dues and eligibility to vote
 - d. CADEIO Attendance at National Workshop
 - e. Conflict of Interest Policy forms needed for all Board Members
7. BCEIA / SEIA Report (*Bishop Joseph Bambera and Fr. Ron Roberson, CSP*)

8. President's Report (*Mrs. Jan Skrehot*)
 - a. NWCU This Week/CADEIO Activities
 - b. Summer Institutes
 - i. 2018 Intro to Ecumenism (July 23-27) Theological College, Washington, D.C.
 - ii. 2019 Interreligious Leadership Institute (July 29-Aug 4 CTU, Chicago, IL)
 - iii. 2020 Advanced Ecumenical & interreligious Leadership Institute (TBD; suggestions?)
 - c. Delray Gathering
 - d. CADEIO-SEIA Survey
9. Vice-President's Report (*Fr. Joe Wallace*)
 - a. Region Representatives & Terms
 - b. Board suggestions for Regional Representatives
10. Standing Committees Reports (*those submitted, published in book*)
 - a. Faiths in the World (FITW) (*Fr. Buddy Noel*)
 - i. Interchurch/Interreligious Marriage Working Group (*Daniel Olsen*)
 - ii. Ad hoc Committee on Care for Creation (*Michael Terrien*)
 - b. Finance (*Fr. Joseph Arsenault, SSA*)
 - c. Nominating Committee (*Fr. Joseph Wallace for Fr. Dennis Mikulanis, STD*)
 - d. Research and Development (*Garland Pohl*)
11. Coordinators
 - a. Fitzgerald Award (*Fr. Bob Flannery*)
 - i. Status of Extraordinary Award (2018 suggested name: Cardinal Kasper Award)
 - b. Newsletter (*Open*)
12. Liaison Reports (*those submitted, published in book*)
 - a. ACCU (*Fr. Don Rooney*)
 - b. CCT/USA (*Fr. Alexei Smith*)
 - c. Evangelical and Pentecostal Ecumenism and Dialogue Association (EPEDA)/Catholics (*Fr. Robert Williams*)
 - d. Episcopal Church USA (EDEIO)/Catholic (*Fr. Jim Gardiner, SA*)
 - e. Jewish/Catholic (*Fr. Brian McWeeney*)
 - f. Lutheran (LEIRN)/Catholic (*Fr. Erich Rutten*)
 - g. Methodist (UMEIT)/Catholic (*Open*)
 - h. Muslim/Catholic (*Fr. Dennis Mikulanis, STD*)
 - i. NCCC/USA (*Fr. Joe Witmer*)
13. Other Items
 - a. Monday Afternoon Discussion
 - b. New Items – General Assembly Agenda?
14. Closing Prayer

Mass @ 12:10 p.m. @ Basilica of Saint Louis-The Old Cathedral

MINUTES
CADEIO Board of Directors Meeting

April 16, 2018

Jan welcomed the CADEIO board and Fr. Joe Wallace led in prayer.

We then reviewed the past minutes and approved them all.

Rick walked us through the Financial Report and noted that we would continue to use quick books for continuity sake.

Jan in presenting the President's Report called to look at the reasons for lower attendance at the NCWU. Among the causes could be the limited budgets and the change of the schedule. All of CADEIO's program occurs today. Next year the NWCU will be in April (Lent) and will be convened at the Hilton at Ball Park in St. Louis.

Jan than addressed the CADEIO Institutes and stated that the normal cycle would be:

Year 1: Basic Ecumenism at Theological College, Washington, DC in the end of July

Year 2: Interreligious Dialogue, Chicago most likely early August

Year 3: Advanced Ecumenical and Interreligious Topics, in Orange, CA

Jan than switched gears to note that we need to do a survey of CADEIO and SEIA to determine the needs that their members have and how we can address them. Attached to this is the continuing development of our website and our virtual communications. It is here that we can share information, resources, and programs.

Eric noted that LEIRN does conference calls with its Board Members and suggested we might do the same.

Fr. Joe Wallace in the Vice President's Report noted that he had attempted to reach out to all the Regional Representatives, the importance of keeping that list current, and developing regular communications with all of the regional representatives.

After a short break, Fr. Phil updated the group on FITW. Fr. Buddy Noel of New Orleans is its new chairperson.

Another new ad hoc committee has developed. The Ad hoc Committee for the Care of Creation chaired by Michael Terrian has been established. It has links to Catholic Climate Covenant, Association of Catholic Diocesan workers need to be aware of the process of enlisting the help of new members, at these events.

The nominating committee is chaired by Dennis, and will be soliciting nominees for the Spring meeting.

We moved on to the Liaisons' reports. They are as follows:

ACCU – Fr Dan Rooney – they are moving to receive us as members

CEN – (Catholic Evangelical Network did not submit a report

Liaison to the Episcopal Church USA is Fr. Joseph Wallace stated that the resource can always meet the people's minds and hearts.

NCC/USA

Jewish/Catholic- Fr. Brian McWeeney noted the USCCB is still supplying the bridge to the Jewish Organization.

Catholic/Muslim needs to be established

We moved to the Fitzgerald Award and discussion about the possibility of an extraordinary award. We will need to refine who, how, and when the materials can be reviewed and adapted appropriately. Fr. Bob Flannery led us through a discussion on who should receive the award.

We then adjourned.

Submitted by Fr. Phil Latronico
Secretary of CADEIO

MINUTES
CADEIO Board of Directors Meeting Following the NWCU

April 19, 2018

Rick Caporali opened with prayer.

Jan Skrehot welcomed Charlie and Jane from the Enter of Interfaith Cooperation, Indianapolis as guests at our meeting.

Fr. Phil Latronico presented an overview of this year's meeting.

Their was a general spread of attendees in relation to how many workshops had people attended over the years.

2-5 workshops – 2 people	20-25 workshops – 5 people
5-10 workshops -3 people	25-30 workshops -1 person
10-15 workshops -2 people	30+ workshops – 2 people
15-20 workshops – 2 people	

The profile of those attending was:

- 6 people full time officer
- 1 employee
- 8 part time officer
- 8 have diocesan commissions
- 14 people have budgets ranging from \$1500 to \$25,000

Evaluation on a scale of 1-5 5 being the highest

Registration 4.4	Orientation 4
Monday Board 3.9	General Assembly 3.3
Plenaries 3.7	Middle East Christian Seminar 4
Canadian Council of Churches 4	
Hearing Racial Conflict NA	
Conflict Resolution 5	Workshop Schedule 2.3
Thursday Brunch 4	Accommodations 4.2

Those items listed as liked:

Holy Spirit	MLK
African American Museum	Fr Rossini
Bible Studies	Middle East Workshop
Diverse Information	CADEIO Meeting
Tuesday Afternoon	Al Bacca
Location	networking
Panels	schedule

Those items liked least:

Not enough time for networking
Monday was overloaded
General Assembly needed more time
Music at CADEIO Liturgy
CADEIO only one day
Too few choices for seminars
Location
Plenaries were flat

Wednesday Lunch
Schedule
Wednesday too long
first Plenary
sharing time for CADEIO
venue too small
Plenaries instead of seminars

Jan noted that other networks wanted one day versus having network activities spread through the conference as in the past. Apparently the Methodist asked if we could try it.

50 new attendees received discounted registration. It was a shame that we did not have a proper orientation for them.

Problems with the conference seemed to stem from the costs and location. Attendance was down by 30%.

Also was noted that we needed a better balance at this year's workshop. Among the balancing issues were: speaker vs panels, training vs ongoing education, all workshops seemed at a lower level, and Advocacy vs Doctrinal.

In looking ahead we suggested that:

Monday would be – Network, Board Meeting, Orientation, Regional Meetings, Conversations on Pre-read materials, Reception, Opening Prayer

Tuesday – breakfast, liturgy, Bible study, Plenary, Network Seminars, General Assembly

Wednesday – discussion about status and discoveries of dialogue

Fr. Erich Rutten led closing prayer.

Submitted by Fr. Phil Latronico
Secretary of CADEIO

AGENDA
CADEIO Opening Session & Region Meetings

April 1, 2019
2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

2. Welcome/Introductions

3. NWCU - This Week/CADEIO Activities

4. 21st Century CADEIO: Facilitated Dialogue
Facilitated by Fr. Erich Rutten, EIO, Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis

5. Regional Meetings

6. Closing Prayer

NOTES

AGENDA
CADEIO General Assembly Meeting

April 4, 2019
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

1. Opening Prayer
 - a. In memoriam – for whom shall we pray...
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2. Welcome/Introductions
3. Amendment/Approval of General Assembly Meeting Agenda
>>**Motion/vote: approve items 3**
4. Presentation of Nominees for Executive Committee (*Fr. Joseph Wallace*)

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Secretary	Fr. Phil Latronico
Treasurer	Rick Caporali

>>**Motion/vote: approve slate for presentation to General Assembly**
>>**Election of Executive Committee Members**
5. Fitzgerald Award Presentation (*Fr. Bob Flannery*)
6. Secretary's Report: Presentation/Approval of Minutes of April 16, 2018 General Assembly Meeting (*Fr. Phil Latronico*)
>>**Motion/vote: approve item 6**
7. Treasurer's Report (*Mr. Rick Caporali*)
 - a. Financial Reports
 - i. Close of Fiscal Year 2018
 - ii. Fiscal Year 2019 to date
 - iii. Fiscal Year 2020 (2019-2020) Budget
>>**Motion/vote: approve items 7a.i and 7a.iii**
 - b. Update on non-profit status
 - c. Report on Membership/Payment of Dues
 - d. CADEIO Attendance at National Workshop
8. BCEIA / SEIA Report (*Fr. Ron Roberson, CSP*)

9. President's Report

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 - iii. 2020 Advanced Ecumenical & interreligious Leadership Institute (TBD; suggestions?)
- b. Delray Gathering Summary
- c. Summary and Further Discussion from Monday afternoon's session (4/1/19)
- d. CADEIO-SEIA Collaboration

10. Vice-President's Report

- a. Region Representatives & Terms

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- a. Faiths in the World (FITW) (*Fr. Buddy Noel*)
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- d. Research and Development (*Garland Pohl*)
 - i. Archives

12. Coordinators

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14. Other Items

15. Closing Prayer

MINUTES

CADEIO General Assembly

April 16, 2018

The General Assembly of CADEIO began from the immediate preceding session which demanded a change in the agenda

The first item of the meeting was the Presentation of the 2018 Fitzgerald Award. The recipient was Judi Longdin. We thanked her for her many years of service.

We looked at the minutes of last years General Assembly and they were accepted and approved.

Rick Caporali presented our budget and walked us through the booklet. He noted that we are not budgeting on reserves. He also noted that \$7000 was budgeted for the newly form ad hoc committee, For the Care of Creation, to assist with website costs and new developments. The Budget was accepted and approved.

In moving to the President's Report, Jan stressed our evaluations are very important this year as we need to honestly address this year's schedule changes. The next National Workshop is scheduled from April 1-4, 2019 in St. Louis (note this is during Lent).

Jan then announced that we are fixing a cycle for summer institutes:

2018 (July 23-27) at Theological College, Washington, DC - Ecumenism

2019 in Chicago – Interreligious Affairs

2020 – Advance workshop.

Fr. Daniel Olsen announced that the Inter Church/Interreligious Marriage working group has 2-3 conference calls a year and is meeting this Wednesday for breakfast (see him if interested).

2019 is an election year for CADEIO and the nominating Committee will be receiving nominations.

Garland Pohl will be in charge of Research and Development

Fr. Jim Gardner will be working with the Episcopal Church

ACCU has just formerly invited us to participate

Fr. Brian McWeeney said that the Jewish dialogue group has noted a concern about the increase of anti-Semitism in the United States.

Fr. Erich Rutten said that the 500th Anniversary Events concerning the Reformation have come to an end. The dialogue will continue to look at ministry, the use of the deacon, and the role of women.

Fr. Jim Witmer is in charge of NCC/USA.

We currently need a liaison to the Methodist and also to the Muslim. Fr. Dennis Mikulanis volunteered to be the Muslim liaison.

Fr. Bob Flannery discussed the possibility of an extraordinary award. We will need to refine who, how, and when the materials can be reviewed and adapted appropriately. Fr. Bob Flannery led us through a discussion on who should receive the award. Someone recommended the name of the award to be "Cardinal Kasper Award." Decided more discussion is needed.

We continually need articles for the Newsletter and to re-evaluate its use and structure. Orientale Lumen has a table, please stop by.

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Fr. Phil Latronico
Secretary of CADEIO

AGENDA
CADEIO Board of Directors Meeting

April 4, 2019
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Review and Planning for NWCU 2020

1. Opening Prayer
2. Review of Evaluations NWCU 2019
3. Development of NWCU 2020
 - a. Recommendations for overall program and schedule
 - i. NWCU
 - ii. CADEIO
 - b. Recommendations for CADEIO Seminar Topics
 - c. Recommendations for NWCU Plenary Topics
 - d. Recommendation for Network Pairing/Sessions
4. Final Considerations for leadership: Regional Representation, Committees, Liaisons (if needed)
5. New Initiatives and/or Goals for 2019-20 to consider
6. Other Pending Issues
7. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

THE CONSTITUTION

of the CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION of DIOCESAN
ECUMENICAL and INTERRELIGIOUS OFFICERS

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical & Interreligious Officers (CADEIO) or the "Association."

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

CADEIO is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. CADEIO shall not be operated for profit but shall be operated exclusively for charitable purposes. The specific purposes for which this Association is established are:

1. To stimulate an exchange of ideas, experiences and evaluations among Catholic ecumenical and interreligious officers.
2. To promote programs which further the work of Christian unity and interreligious cooperation.
3. To cooperate with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs and other ecumenical and interreligious agencies.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in this Association shall be open to ecumenical and interreligious officers of the Catholic arch/dioceses and eparchies of the United States canonically united with the Holy See of Rome.
2. For the purposes of this Association, an ecumenical or interreligious officer shall be understood as that person within a Catholic diocese or eparchy who is:
 - a. the duly appointed ecumenical officer; or
 - b. the chairperson of the ecumenical commission; or
 - c. a member of the ecumenical commission assigned to represent it.
3. Each diocese in union with Rome shall determine one (1) ecumenical or interreligious officer to represent it in the Association.
4. An indication of the intent to affiliate with the Association, and the payment of the dues assessed by the Association, shall be conditions of voting membership.
5. Recognized canonical Catholic religious communities which have a special apostolate in ecumenism are eligible for membership in this

Association. These shall be members-at-large and shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

6. Associate Membership in CADEIO shall be open to any individual upon payment of an annual associate membership fee determined yearly by the General Assembly. The associate member shall be entitled to receive the CADEIO Newsletter and other general announcements. If the associate member is duly registered, he/she shall be entitled to attend the General Assembly with full voice but no vote.

ARTICLE IV: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. The final authority in this Association shall reside in the General Assembly of its members.
2. Each representative shall provide the president with a written report of the activities in his/her region during the preceding year one (1) month before the General Assembly.
3. There shall be at least one General Assembly held each year as the Annual Meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE V: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of sixteen 16 members who are ecumenical officers, or at least the delegate of a particular ecumenical officer, one elected by and from each of the fourteen ecclesiastical regions of the United States, one from The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter, and one for Eastern Catholic jurisdictions (and may be called *Regional Representatives*), along with the Executive Officers of the Association who are not regular representatives.
2. It is the duty of the regional representative to
 - a. attend the meetings of the Board of Directors;
 - b. post the dates of the Institutes and the annual meeting at the NWCU and promote participation;
 - c. contact members of his/her region once each year concerning membership;
 - d. and arrange for the election of the next regional representative.
3. When it is not possible to elect a representative from a particular region, the president may permit that region to be represented by a bordering region who will represent both regions with one vote. (previously referred to as "Provincial Representatives")

4. *Alternates*

When a Regional Representative to the Board of Directors cannot attend a meeting of the Board, that member may designate in writing an alternate from that Region to sit on the Board temporarily. When this alternate has presented credentials to the president, he/she shall be accepted as a temporary voting member of the Board of Directors from that region.

5. If a Regional Representative leaves the Board of Directors, the President may appoint a person in that same Region to represent it until an election can be held in that region.

6. The chairs of standing committees may sit on meetings of the Board of Directors with voice, but no vote.

7. The chairs of *ad hoc* committees may sit on meetings of the Board of Directors with voice, but no vote, as long as the work of that committee continues.

8. The liaisons (and/or associate liaisons) to other networks and ecumenical associations may sit on meetings of the Board of Directors with voice, but no vote.

9. The Board of Directors shall be accountable to the members of the Association convened in General Assembly. Each member of the board may hold only one voting position. Wherever possible, a board member should not hold multiple roles.

ARTICLE VI: FINANCIAL SUPPORT

1. The financial support of the Association shall be provided by the payment of membership dues.

2. The amount of membership dues shall be determined each year at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. *The Officers*

The officers of the Association shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, and constitute the Executive Committee. The officers of the Association shall be elected by and from the members of the Association in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws.

2. *Term of Office*

a. The term for Officers shall be three years, beginning at the end of the Annual Meeting and continuing through the Annual Meeting three years thereafter.

b. The president and vice-president may be elected to the same office for only two consecutive terms. There is no term limit

for the secretary and treasurer.

c. Should an office be vacated due to resignation or death, the President, upon consultation with the other officers, appoints a replacement for that office until the next regular election.

d. If there are two (2) candidates for a given office, the one receiving a simple majority of the votes is declared the new officer. In the event of a tie, a run-off ballot is taken.

3. *The President*

a. If the person who is elected president of the Association is a member of the Board of Directors, he/she shall resign from the Board and a new member of the Board of Directors shall be elected from that Region to fill out the term of office.

b. The president of the Association shall preside over the meetings of the Board of Directors with voice but no vote, except to break a tie.

4. The Executive Committee shall meet at least one (1) other time in the course of the year.

ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

1. The president may establish a committee with the approval of the membership. Such a standing committee may be dissolved only with the approval of the membership. The president shall appoint chairs for such Committees for a three year term, (renewable once), without prejudice to his/her right to remove a chair with the approval of the Directors.

2. The president, with the consent of the Board of Directors, may erect and dissolve ad-hoc committees. He/she shall specify precisely the purpose of that committee.

3. An individual no longer the chair of a committee may be appointed to membership on it.

4. Liaisons are appointed by the president with the consent of the Directors for six year terms renewable. **[The President]** may appoint an associate liaison.

ARTICLE IX: THE BYLAWS

The Board of Directors shall be empowered to adopt Bylaws to implement the provisions of this Constitution and to provide detailed procedures for carrying out its purposes.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENT

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the General Assembly provided that the proposed amendment and its rationale, signed by its author(s),

- a. shall be in the possession of the president before that meeting of the General Assembly, and
- b. shall have been mailed to the members of the Association—either by surface mail or electronic mail—at least thirty (30) days before that meeting of the General Assembly,
- c. and shall receive a two-thirds (2/3) majority favorable vote from the voting members seated in the General Assembly at that meeting.

ARTICLE XI: DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Association, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the Association, transfer the remaining assets of the Association to an organization(s) which at that time is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes so as to qualify as an exempt organization(s) under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

BYLAWS

of the CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION of DIOCESAN
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BYLAW I: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Composition

The General Assembly of the Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers shall be composed of the ecumenical and interreligious officers of the arch/dioceses and eparchies who have indicated their will to join the Association and who have paid the membership dues assessed by the Association.

2. Meetings

- a. Meetings of the General Assembly shall be held at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors of the Association.
- b. The annual Meeting of the Association shall usually be held in conjunction with the National Workshop on Christian Unity.

3. Agenda for the Meeting

- a. The agenda for a meeting of the General Assembly shall be prepared by the Executive Committee and distributed to the membership of the Association at least fifteen (15) days before the opening of that meeting.
- b. Any voting member of the Association may propose an item to be placed on the Agenda, but such a proposal must be received by the president of the Association no later than thirty (30) days before the meeting of the General Assembly.
- c. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to accept or reject proposals presented for the agenda.
- d. Any item not listed on the agenda may be presented as new business at the meeting of the General Assembly, but before such an item is admitted for discussion it must receive a simple majority vote of the members seated in the General Assembly to consider it.

4. Voting in the General Assembly

- a. Each voting member of the Association who is present in the General Assembly shall have one vote.

b. If a diocese/eparchy holds a full membership in the Association and no full member from that diocese/eparchy will be present at a meeting of the Association, one proxy vote may be vested in another full or associate member. A letter of delegation indicating the proxy is to be sent by the full member who is to be absent to the president before the general assembly begins. The delegated member must be present at the meeting to cast the proxy ballot.

5. Quorum in the General Assembly

The quorum in the General Assembly shall consist of the members present at a duly convened meeting of the General Assembly.

6. Parliamentary Procedure

In the absence of specific directives in the Constitution and Bylaws of this Association, or, in order to clarify them, the provisions of Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall prevail at all meetings of the General Assembly.

BYLAW II: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Meetings of the Board of Directors:

The time and place of the meetings of the Board of Directors shall be determined by the president in consultation with the Board of Directors.

2. Quorum in Meetings of the Board of Directors:

A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall compose a quorum empowered to conduct the business of a duly convened meeting of the Board of Directors.

3. Voting on the Board of Directors

Each member of the Board of Directors (except the president) shall have one vote. In case of a tie, the president of the Association shall cast a vote to break it.

4. Agenda for Meetings of the Board of Directors

a. The agenda for each meeting of the Board of Directors shall be prepared by the president in consultation with the other officers, and shall be distributed to each member of the Board at least fifteen (15) days before that meeting.

b. The Board of Directors, when it convenes, shall have the power to amend the

agenda as may be deemed desirable.

5. Expenses of the Board Members

a. The expenses of the members of the Board of Directors shall be paid by the Association for meetings of the Board other than those held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.

b. The expenses of individual Board members to attend the National Workshop on Christian Unity are not the responsibility of the Association.

c. The expenses of all specially ordered committees, including the Executive Committee, shall be paid by the Association, except for those meetings held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.

6. For the purpose of preserving historical memory, any past president shall be invited to sit on the Board of Directors with voice but no vote.

BYLAW III: THE OFFICERS

All four officers of CADEIO (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) are to be elected by the entire dues-paying (i.e. full), members of the Association gathered at the Annual Meeting. Proxy votes, in accordance with established procedures, are permitted.

1. The Nominating Committee.

Before a regularly scheduled election, held every three (3) years, a nominating committee composed of two (2) members of the Board of Directors and two (2) other full members not seated on the Board of Directors shall be appointed by the president whose term is ending, with the approval of the Board of Directors, to serve as a nominating committee. The president shall appoint the chair of the Nominating Committee. Nominations shall be sought three months before the proposed date of the election and the slate finalized two months before the date of the proposed election, without prejudice to other provisions mentioned in the Constitution and Bylaws. Candidates who accept to run should have their profiles published in the Newsletter prior to the election.

2. Nomination of the President

a. Nomination for the office of president may be made by any voting member of the

Association, and it must be made in writing and presented to any member of the Board of Directors not later than 24 hours before the Annual Meeting of the General Assembly.

b. For a valid nomination, the candidate must have served on the Board of Directors, and the nomination shall include the written consent of the person nominated for president.

c. The Board of Directors shall present a list of nominees for the office of president to the membership as the first order of business at the Annual Meeting.

3. Election of the President

a. The president shall be elected by the members of the Association at the Annual meeting of the General Assembly.

b. The nominee who receives the highest number of votes shall be the president of the Association. In the event of a tie, a run-off ballot shall be held between the two tied candidates.

4. Nomination and Election of Other Officers

The Vice-president, who must have served on the Board of Directors, as well as the Secretary and Treasurer, who need not have served on the Board of Directors, and who may be Associate or Full Members, shall be nominated and elected in the same manner as the president.

5. Duties of the President

a. The president of the Association shall preside at all meetings of the General Assembly and of the Board of Directors.

b. The president of the Association shall call the meetings of the General Assembly and of the Board of Directors.

c. The president shall supervise the preparation of the agenda for each meeting of the General Assembly and of the Board of Directors and shall see to it that the agenda is distributed to the members in accord with the directives of these Bylaws.

d. The president shall represent the Association on occasions when such representation shall be deemed proper.

e. The president shall have all the rights and duties accorded his/her office in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, except where these conflict

with the Constitution or Bylaws of this Association.

6. *Duties of the Other Officers*

a. *Vice-President*

1. The vice president automatically becomes president upon the death or resignation of the president; and a new vice president is elected by and from the Board of Directors to complete the unfinished term. The vice-president shall perform the duties of the president in his/her absence, and any other business which the president shall assign to him/her.

2. The vice president shall serve as coordinator of the regional representatives and membership development.

b. *The Secretary* shall

i. supervise the recording of the proceedings of the General Assembly;

ii. supervise the recording of the minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors;

iii. supervise the preparation and distribution of the proceedings and the minutes as the General Assembly or the Board of Directors shall direct;

iv. assist the president in the preparation and distribution of the agenda for meetings of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors.

v. assist the president in the preparation and distribution of other correspondence as the Board shall direct.

vi. insure the posting and updating on the website of all necessary communications, including—but not limited to—the Newsletter, etc. The calendar must be maintained, with due reminders of what is due by certain dates, such as nominations, motions, etc.

c. *The Treasurer* shall

i. serve as the custodian, without bond, of the funds of the Association;

ii. prepare an annual report for presentation at the Annual Meeting;

iii. prepare an annual budget for presentation at the Annual Meeting;

iv. issue checks for payment of expenditures authorized by the Board of Directors or

the General Assembly in accord with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association;

v. keep a record of the current membership who have paid the dues assessed and are therefore entitled to act as voting members, along with their contact information, and to provide an up-to-date copy to the president upon request.

vi. prepare all necessary IRS documents and Kenedy Directory updates necessary to maintain 501(c)(3) non-profit status.

vii. secure and maintain signed conflict of interest statements from board of directors.

d. *Resignations*

The president may resign the office by submitting a written notice to the Executive Committee. Other officers may resign their office by submitting written notice to the president.

4. *The Executive Committee*

The officers shall serve as an Executive Committee and will conduct the business of the Association between meetings of the Board of Directors as necessary.

BYLAW IV: COMMITTEE CHAIRS, COORDINATORS, AND LIAISONS

1. The Chairs of standing and ad hoc committees

- shall convene at least one meeting annually outside the General Assembly

- need to be regular members

- provide an annual report at the General Assembly

2. Coordinators

- perform specific tasks for the good of the Association (newsletter, Fitzgerald Award, summer institutes)

-provide an annual report at the General Assembly as appropriate

3. Liaisons and associate liaisons

-maintain relationships with networks and other ecumenical associations

-provide an annual report at the General Assembly

3a. Associate Liaison –

-Stays current with the work of the liaison

-Fills in for the liaison

**BYLAW V:
FINANCES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

1. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on July 1st of the year, and end on the following June 30th.
2. The Board of Directors shall prepare and present a yearly budget to the General Assembly at the Annual Meeting.
3. The General Assembly shall have the right to approve, amend or reject the proposed budget.
4. The Board of Directors shall
 - a. present to the General Assembly a proposal to raise the money necessary to support the proposed annual budget by an equal assessment among the membership and, when the General Assembly has approved the assessment, it shall become the official membership dues of the Association for the next year, and
 - b. shall also recommend to the General Assembly the official associate membership dues for the next year.
5. Membership dues are payable at the beginning of the calendar year.

BYLAW VI: AMENDMENT

1. These Bylaws may be amended by the General Assembly at any regularly convened meeting by a simple majority of those present and voting.
2. These Bylaws may also be amended by the Board of Directors, provided that the proposal to amend, with its rationale and signed by its author(s),
 - a. shall be in the possession of the president at least sixty (60) days before the next meeting of the Board, and
 - b. shall have been mailed or emailed to the members of the Board of Directors at least thirty (30) days before the next meeting of the Board, and
 - c. shall have received a majority vote of the Board members present and voting.

USCCB-Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs

The **Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs** consists of nineteen bishops who specialize in relations between Christians and interreligious groups. The committee, currently headed by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera of Scranton, is reestablished every three years.

Chairman:

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera
Bishop of Scranton

Members:

Most Rev. Bohdan Danylo
Eparchy of St. Josaphat of Parma

Most Rev. Stephen J. Lopes
Bishop of the Anglican Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter

Most Rev. Denis J. Madden
Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore

Most Rev. Robert W. McElroy
Bishop of San Diego

Most Rev. Mitchell Rozanski
Bishop of Springfield, MA

Most Rev. Peter L. Smith
Auxiliary Bishop of Portland, OR

Most Rev. David P. Talley
Bishop of Alexandria, LA

Most Rev. Michael W. Warfel
Bishop of Great Falls-Billings

Consultants:

Most Rev. John Michael Botean,
Eparchy of St. George of Canton

Most Rev. Tod D. Brown
Bishop Emeritus of Orange

H.E. Blase Cardinal Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

H.E. Timothy Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

Most Rev. Howard Hubbard
Bishop Emeritus of Albany

Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted
Bishop of Phoenix

H.E. Sean Cardinal O'Malley
Archbishop of Boston

Most Rev. Edward B. Scharfenberger
Bishop of Albany

Most Rev. Richard J. Sklba
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Milwaukee

H.E. Joseph Cardinal Tobin, CSsR
Archbishop of Newark

Rev. Dennis McManus
Consultant

The Secretariat of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs exists to carry out the ongoing programs and plans of the bishops' committee. It consists of six full-time staff members, aided by part-time consultants and interns.

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Information Report on Dialogues

Christian Churches Together in the USA (CCT)

The 2018 Annual Convocation of CCT took place at the Spiritual Life Center of the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas, October 2-5. The theme of the Convocation was “Let’s Talk About Life.” Acknowledging that Christians are often divided on life issues, this was an effort to understand each other’s perspectives, helping them to grow in love and unity. In the end there was a remarkable consensus on the sacredness of human life in principle. The more difficult questions about how this plays out in practice will be taken up in due course. There were also further presentations on racism and poverty. In addition, the CCT members discussed a draft “vision statement” that will help to focus the work of CCT in the future. The 2019 CCT convocation is scheduled for October 1 to 4 in Montgomery, Alabama. Bishop Joseph Bambera serves as head of the USCCB delegation and as one of the five moderators of the organization.

Oriental Orthodox Dialogue

Our national dialogue with the Oriental Orthodox Churches met on November 7 and 8, 2018, at the Bishop Molloy Retreat House in Jamaica, New York. It was co-chaired by Bishop Howard Hubbard and Archbishop John Kawak of the Syriac Orthodox Archdiocese of the Eastern United States. The bulk of the meeting included a frank and quite intense discussion of inter-ecclesial pastoral questions ranging from our theologies of marriage and divorce to the pastoral care of Oriental Orthodox children in Catholic schools. The members also heard a history of the dialogue that was presented by Fr Roberson of the SEIA staff.

North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological Consultation

The 95th meeting of the North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological Consultation was hosted by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Center in Mississauga, Ontario. It was co-Chaired by Cardinal Joseph Tobin and Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Methodios of Boston. At this meeting the members completed their work on an agreed statement on baptismal ecclesiology and the role of the laity in the two churches. In addition, presentations were heard on Catholic and Orthodox perspectives on synodality. This meeting also included a public event at St Michael’s College at the University of Toronto, where

Msgr Paul McPartlan, a member of both the North American and the international dialogue, was the featured speaker.

The decision by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople to intervene in Ukraine has led to a rupture in its relations with the Moscow Patriarchate. On October 11, the Holy Synod of the Patriarchate of Constantinople announced that it had renewed its decision to grant autocephaly to the Orthodox Church in Ukraine, restored the excommunicated heads of the two non-canonical Orthodox churches in Ukraine and all their clergy to hierarchal or priestly rank, and revoked its own patriarchal act of 1686 which had placed what is now Ukraine under Moscow's jurisdiction. In this way the Ecumenical Patriarchate reasserted the authority it had over the church in Ukraine centuries earlier. On October 15, the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church issued a statement that condemned Constantinople's decision and formally announced that Russian clergy would henceforth not be allowed to concelebrate with clergy of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and the Russian Orthodox faithful could no longer receive the sacraments from Constantinopolitan clergy. The Russians had already announced that they would no longer participate in theological dialogues (including the dialogue with the Catholic Church) that are co-chaired by a bishop of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Nevertheless, Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople has moved forward and conferred the Tomos of Autocephaly upon the new primate of the Orthodox Church in Ukraine in Istanbul on January 5. In the meantime, Patriarch Bartholomew has written to the heads of all the other Orthodox churches asking them to recognize the new Ukrainian church, while Patriarch Kirill of Moscow has written to the same primates asking them not to do so. This virtually forces the other churches to take sides in the dispute. This situation will become clearer in the coming months. Here in the United States the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia and the bishop who presides over the Russian patriarchal parishes have already withdrawn from the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the USA. It remains unclear how this may affect our North American Theological Consultation.

Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue (ARC-USA)

The 79th meeting of the Anglican Roman Catholic Theological Consultation in the USA took place at the Bosque Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from November 28 to 30. It was co-chaired by Bishop John Michael Botean and Bishop John Bauerschmidt of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee (Nashville). At this meeting the members heard more presentations on reconciliation in scripture and tradition, the theme of the present round. There was also a discussion of the status of the Anglican Ordinariates and whether or not they constitute a new form of "uniatism." The next meeting is scheduled to take place April 4-6 at the Mercy Center in Saint Louis.

Methodist Dialogue

The seventh meeting of Round 8 of the Methodist-Catholic Dialogue took place on December 13-15, 2019 at St. Mary's Seminary and University's Center for Continuing Formation. Most Rev. David Talley, Bishop of Alexandria (LA) continued as Catholic Co-chair of the dialogue, with Bishop Peggy Johnson continuing as Methodist Co-chair.

Members of the dialogue were joined by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, Chairman of the USCCB Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs. Bishop Bambera joined the group for their first meeting day to express his encouragement to the group on the texts they drafted over the course of their dialogue round.

In the remaining meeting time the two subgroups continued to revise the draft texts. The first subgroup worked on a document which opens with a mutual recognition of our common Baptism and then outlines the contours of our shared Baptismal life through a joint examination of the Lord's Prayer and the Apostle's Creed. This document will illustrate the areas of convergence and disagreement which exist between our two denominations.

The second subgroup explored the feasibility of proposing a series of texts for shared rituals and prayers, exploring ways in which Methodists and Catholics can deepen their common Christian identity.

Other Conversations

As previously agreed, the Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs Chairman, Bishop Joseph Bambera and Bishop Eric Menees, the Ecumenical Officer of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA), met on April 26, 2018 in Gwynedd, Penn, for updates on ACNA. Their December meeting was postponed because of changes in Secretariat staffing.

Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue

The ninth meeting of Round XXII of the Dialogue took place April 11-15, 2018 at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, MD. Rev. Lowell Almen of the ELCA continued as Lutheran co-chair of the Dialogue. Bishop Denis Madden continued as Catholic co-chair. The bulk of the meeting was spent on editing the draft document, *Faithful Teaching*, covering the following areas: *Teaching in the Triune Name, Church as Taught and Teaching, Who Teaches, How do Churches Teach, What is Taught and How is Teaching Received?* The next meeting will be held March 13-17, 2019.

Reformed-Catholic Dialogue

The dialogue concluded Round VIII in Jan 2018. The final report is entitled *The One Body of Christ: Ministry in Service to the Church and to the World*. It is the culmination of a five year study on themes in ecclesiology, including the nature and locus of authority, mission and identity, unity and diversity, and the historical development of the episcopacy. The report is currently under review with the Bishops' Committee on Doctrine and Canonical Affairs, having already been approved by the Committees on Divine Worship and Clergy/Consecrated Life. The Ninth Round, which is on hold until the final report is approved and then returned to the Reformed communions for their own internal considerations of changes made by the USCCB, has already determined that the next round of dialogue will address the subject of Justification.

Jewish Relations

NCS-USCCB Consultation

The planned fall meeting of The National Council of Synagogues (NCS)-USCCB Consultation was cancelled due to schedule changes for the November USCCB General Assembly. It was rescheduled for June 19, 2019. The topic will be the state of the Jewish community in South America and the Church's relation to that reality. Rabbi Abraham Skorka will address the group.

USCCB-OU Consultation

A consultation of the BCEIA and the Orthodox Union (OU) last took place in March 2015. Currently, the role of bishop co-chair is vacant. Once this vacancy has been filled, the members will explore the possibility of reconstituting the dialogue.

Interreligious Relations

Muslim-Catholic Dialogue

The National Catholic-Muslim Dialogue is scheduled to meet on March 25-26th at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. This will be the 4th meeting of this dialogue, which was established in 2015 at The Catholic University of America on the occasion of a plenary meeting of the now independent regional Catholic-Muslim dialogues. The Dialogue is currently chaired by Cardinal Blase Cupich and Shaykh Abdullah Rahman Khan. The March meeting will consider the year-long work of a task force created by Cardinal Cupich and Former Muslim Co-

Chair, Dr Sayyid Syeed. This task force was established to identify means of resourcing Catholic and Muslim communities, as well as generating guidelines to help bring coherence and direction for the dialogue in the coming years. In addition, a public event will be held on the evening of March 25th to reflect on the recent “Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together,” which was co-authored by Pope Francis and Ahmed Al-Tayyeb, the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar. Cardinal Cupich will deliver the keynote and a panel of scholars from the dialogue will offer brief responses and lead a Q and A session from the audience.

**As a correlate to the March meeting, the SEIA is planning to co-sponsor a day-long public event at The Catholic University of America to recognize and reflect on both the 800th anniversary of St. Francis’ visit to the Sultan Malik Al-Kamil in Damietta as well as the joint statement on Human Fraternity. As of now, this event is being planned for November of 2019. It is hoped that the Grand Imam will accept the invitation to deliver a keynote address.

Hindu Relations (Consultation)

This consultation was formed in 2015 following the visit of Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran to a local Hindu Temple in N. Virginia. The group has since held day-long public events and the next is scheduled for the Fall of 2019 and, tentatively, will be held at Georgetown University. A topic will be named in April of 2019, following the next meeting of the planning committee.

Sikh Relations (Consultation/Retreat)

The Catholic-Sikh Retreat, which was on hold for a couple of years following the internal changes to the World-Sikh Council USA region, is scheduled to meet again this Fall at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos, California. The SEIA will coordinate this meeting with the recently formed Sikh Council for Interfaith Relations. The planning committee will meet in April to discern the agenda.

Buddhist Relations

We have not been able to re-constitute this consultation. However, our former Executive Director, Fr. Al Baca, expressed a desire to promote a public event, as per the relations with Sikhs and Hindus, as well as coordinate a series of meetings with regional Buddhists to collaborate on projects of mutual interest. The last gathering was in 2015 at Castel Gandolfo and was attended by a plenary of Buddhist monks from several traditions and many Catholic members from CADEIO.

March 2019

Fr. Tom Ryan, CSP
Region 1

CADEIO Report: Overview of Ecumenical Engagements from May 2018 to April 2019

- Attended Community Metropolitan Ministries anniversary dinner at Roxbury Presbyterian Church, MA
- Wkend ecumenical dialogue in Boston with Protestant preaching partner, Rev. John Armstrong
- Seminar on Anti-Semitism at the Paulist Center, Boston.
- Served as chaplain for a week-long ecumenical retreat at Iona Abbey on the island of Iona, in Scotland
- Co-led a 5 day ecumenical retreat in Villa Maria, PA
- Participated in a 2-day conference at Georgetown University on “Future Directions for Interreligious Dialogue and the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.”
- Participated in the 2-day Muslim-Catholic Mid-Atlantic Dialogue in Worcester, MA
- Gave the Keynote talk at the North American Academy of Ecumenists wkend conference in VA on theme of “Living Unity: Ecumenical Shared Ministries”
- Gave talks on two different panels at the Parliament of the World’s Religions in Toronto, Canada
- Led an ecumenical retreat weekend in Washington, DC
- Participated in the National Catholic-Muslim Dialogue in Chicago, IL
- Wrote a manuscript for a new ecumenical and interfaith book to be published this coming May, entitled “Praying by Hand, Praying with Beads,” with chapters in it on how Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists--as well as Catholics--and Hindus, Buddhists, and Muslims all pray with beads.
- Led an ecumenical retreat weekend in Stockbridge, MA
- Provided several days of ecumenical education for religious community novices in the Boston area.
- Preached a 3-day Lenten Mission for three Catholic and three Protestant congregations in Montreal, QC
- Published a quarterly issue of my newsletter/journal *Koinonia*.

Tom Ryan, CSP

Regional Report for Region 9

In our region we have some dioceses where there is activity and some dioceses where there is not much activity. Some dioceses have active officers and commissions. In these dioceses we have various levels of coming together to seek understanding of one another and our beliefs. We also strive to find ways that we may work together in the building of God's kingdom.

This past year one of the main events that brought us together on an inter-religious front was the tragic and senseless murders that took place at the synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA. Taking part in memorial services and standing with our Jewish brothers and sisters was a powerful witness to our friendship and care for one another.

In the coming year we hope to possibly have a regional meeting so that we may explore how we may be able to support one another in our region so that we may be a very visible witness to the commitment of the Church in our desire and search for unity.

Fr. Joseph Arsenault

FAITHS IN THE WORLD
2019 REPORT
Submitted by Fr. Phil Latronico
Secretary to FITW

Meeting held at Catholic Pastoral Centre
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
November 7, 2018

It had been decided at the end of the 2017 FITW meeting on October 19, 2017 that the Faiths in the World Committee of CADEIO would meet at the end of the Parliament of the World's Religions spanning November 1-7, 2018 in Toronto, Canada.

The members who attended were Fr. Buddy Noel, Fr. Phil Latronico, Fr. Butch Mazur, Fr. John Pawlikowski, Fr. Bob Flannery, and Fr. Tom Ryan. Fr. Anthony Prakash LoHale, OP was our host and Phillip Anglin of Westwego, LA was a guest.

In evaluating the Parliament of 2018 everyone seemed to agree that it ran too late each night. The days were long and packed with information. We all felt that the Parliament gave us a lot of information about many religions; however, the Christian Community was not as prevalent as it had been in the past. Our dialogues with the other religions is still vital and rich

In looking ahead we believe that now is a time to restructure and reinvigorate FITW's work. This necessitates the reevaluation of how we interface with the SEIA, CTU, and the Parliament of the World's Religions. We need to become more proactive in assisting the members of CADEIO who are entering into interreligious/interfaith dialogue for the first time. Sharing our knowledge and experiences can offer the members of CADEIO a wealth of resources and practical assistance.

We noted that we need to help CADEIO in the facilitating of the next Interreligious Workshop, to be held in Chicago at CTU in July 2019.

The Committee will meet again in April at the NWCU meeting April, 2019 and then come together at the Cenacle, Chicago October 15-17, 2019.

The meeting adjourned and concluded with dinner at a local restaurant.

Christian Churches Together – 2018 Annual Convocation Report

by Rt. Rev. Alexei Smith,
Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer, Archdiocese of Los Angeles
and CADEIO Liaison to CCT

The 2018 Annual Convocation of Christian Churches Together took place at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita, Kansas, October 3-5, with approximately 60 people in attendance. For the first time in a while, there were a number of representatives from the Historic Black Churches attending, and there were as many - or slightly more - Orthodox in attendance than Catholics!

The Convocation began with a wonderful keynote address by Rev. Dr. Casely Essamuah, Executive Secretary of the Global Christian Forum, and included one site-visit, this year to the Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral for Vespers and a presentation and reception.

This gathering of CCT was unique: it provided an opportunity to demonstrate how Christians of diverse traditions, theologies, and political persuasions can be countercultural. In the midst of the chronic divisions in our country, we came together to engage in dialogue about issues of life, a source of strong theological and political differences in our country. Each of the five participant Families of Christians (Catholic, Orthodox, Evangelical/Pentecostal, Historic Protestant, Historic Black Churches) gave presentations on some aspect of life: the choice of direction for their presentations was determined by each Family. We were then challenged to listen to each other, learn from one another, and explore ways to bridge any theological and political differences.

I was particularly impressed with the presentation made by Bishop Doug Beacham, Superintendent of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, who began by quoting Pope Saint John Paul II's *The Gospel of Life* on many life issues, including abortion, definition of marriage, and euthanasia. I recall some years ago at CCT when our Catholic delegation brought up the topic of the abortion there was a marked push-back from many of the other delegates, but not this time.

Delegates were also challenged by Jim Wallis, President and Founder of Sojourners, and Rob Wilson-Black, CEO of Sojourners, to consider two documents: *Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis*, and *Unity Declaration on Racism and Poverty*, which were the focus of our small group discussions. Both of these documents are available on the CCT website.

CCT welcomed a new member, the Zomi Baptist Churches. The Zomi are an ethnic minority, originally from Myanmar and North East India. They currently have 36 Churches across the USA. It was announced that the week previous to our meeting the government of Myanmar burned several of their churches there and arrested several catechists. We united in prayer over their representatives present at CCT and assured them of our continued prayerful support.

Each Church Family led us in worship. I was honored to be selected by Bishop Doug to participate in

the Evangelical/Pentecostal worship, the first time in anyone's memory that a member of one Church Family was asked to take a role in the worship led by another Church Family. Catholics reciprocated by inviting other CCT delegates to serve as readers in the Order for the Blessing of Ecumenical Groups, with Father Al Baca as Presider, as the concluding worship for this Convocation.

CCT continues to struggle financially: some members are not meeting their financial commitments. The 2019 proposed operating budget is \$119,280: the 2018 actual budget is \$129,000, but CCT is already \$507.00 in the red for this year.

Next year's convocation will be in Montgomery, AL, October 1-4, with the theme "Moving from Lament to Hope: Lessons Learned from the 2019 Quadricentennial of Transatlantic Movement of People." One of the main events at that convocation will be a visit to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice. The memorial commemorates the victims of lynching in the United States acknowledging the past of racial terrorism in the search for social justice.

International Conference on Religions and Sustainable Development Goals (UN) Vatican City

The Vatican's Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development co-hosted the International Conference on Religions and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Vatican City, March 7 - 9, 2019. The Conference's purpose was to discuss the contribution that religions can make to implement the SDGs. Highlighting the significance of the Conference, kindergartners welcomed participants with a spiritual reflection. The point was lost on no one that the fate of civilization and the planet, for generations to come, is dependent on humanities' capacity to listen to the cry of the earth and cry of the poor.

Opening remarks were given by H.Em. Cardinal Pietro Parolin, (Vatican Secretary of State), H.Em. Cardinal Turkson (Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development), H.E. Bishop Miguel Angel Ayuso Guixot (Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue), and Michael Moller (Director General, United Nations Office in Geneva). Perspectives from the Abrahamic religions were also offered during the opening session (see attached Programme).

Following the opening session, the conference was organized in five sessions, each focused on one of the five pillars of the SDGs: People, Planet, Prosperity, Partnership, Peace. Panelists from many of the world's religions, religious organizations, indigenous peoples, United Nations agencies, WHO, universities, NGOs and other organizations analyzed, synthesized and evaluated the problems humanity faces and possible solutions in meeting the SDGs. The conference highlighted the need for collaboration between faith communities to address the critical issues before us, including food and water, health, climate, urbanization and communities, work and growth, energy production and consumption, sustainable development and peace.

Pope Francis met with Conference participants, stating that ethical values underpin sustainable development. He also stressed that "when we speak of sustainability we cannot overlook how important it is to include and to listen to all voices, especially those usually excluded from this type of discussion, such as the voices of the poor, migrants, indigenous people and the young." His Holiness noted that the SDGs "were a great step forward for global dialogue" for a "new and universal solidarity," but pointed out that "for too long, the conventional idea of development has been almost entirely limited to economic growth." He expressed that such an approach "has led the modern economic system down a dangerous path where progress is assessed only in terms of material growth, on account of which we are almost obliged to irrationally exploit the environment and our fellow human beings."

The Pope emphasized that what is needed is a commitment to "promoting and implementing the development goals that are supported by our deepest religious and ethical values." See Pope Francis' address at http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2019/march/documents/papa-francesco_20190308_religioni-svilupposostenibile.html

At the conclusion of the Conference, participants put forth actions to advance religious and inter-religious engagement to meet the SDG's 2030 Agenda. Those actions are to be posted by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.

In conclusion, the Conference emphasized the need for religions to dialogue with each other and with all sectors of society to implement the SDGs. It also highlighted the need to listen to the cry of the earth and cry of the poor if we are to achieve real and lasting sustainable solutions.

Summary report submitted by: Michael Terrien, Obl. OSB
CADEIO, Care for Creation Committee
Tuesday, March 29, 2019

ACCU - CADEIO

After two meetings that were canceled by weather, we finally met recently with the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities and began to put together a plan of collaboration with CADEIO. Our goal will be to work with the 200 member colleges and universities and establish a solid survey of campus ministry staff and mission officers, and discover what ecumenical and interreligious activities are currently in place.

With the intention of enhancing unity and growing in authentic knowledge of each other, we will then pair campus people with their corresponding ecumenical/interreligious diocesan officer, to assist as a resource and connection to the local Catholic church community, together with other churches/religions who may be interested in our program. Hopefully the relationships which have been formed by the diocesan officer will be of great service to campus ministers and mission officers.

We hope to secure funding for an intern at ACCU who will begin this process of research and discovery and gather a task force of interested CADEIO members and campus/mission officers who will then take the data and make recommendations based on best practices. In 18 months' time we will be able to put together a pre-meeting with our task force the day before ACCU's annual conference and showcase best practices. Then CADEIO will also be a presenter at the annual conference to speak about partnering diocesan officers with campus personnel.

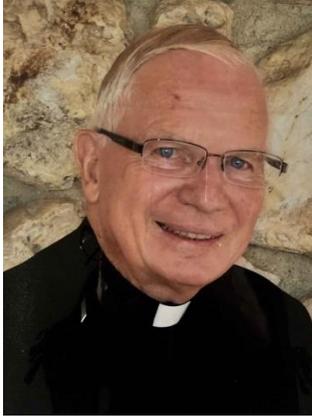
We will work in the coming days on securing funding and a more detailed timeline, but all are hopeful and encouraged by the new relationship with ACCU and CADEIO as an affiliate member.

Fr. Don Rooney

James E. Fitzgerald Award Honorees

The Fitzgerald Award commemorates the life and ministry of the late Reverend Monsignor James Edward Fitzgerald (Amarillo Diocese), an early leader in the Ecumenical Movement following the Second Vatican Council within the State of Texas. Msgr. Fitzgerald has been credited with a pivotal role in the formation and work of the National Association of Diocesan Ecumenical Officers (NADEO), the predecessor of the current CADEIO.

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- 1986 Brother Jeffrey Gros, FSC
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- 1988 The Reverend Monsignor Royale M. Vadakin
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- 2009 Sister Joan Monica McGuire, OP
- 2010 Edward Idris Cardinal Cassidy
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- 2012 The Reverend James Massa
- 2013 The Reverend Charles James Parr
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- 2017 Sister Mary Ellen Coombe, NDS
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- 2019 The Reverend Joseph Witmer



Tribute to Msgr. Royale Vadakin, the first Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

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Friends remember Msgr. Royale Vadakin's life as an LA pastor, pioneer, and peacemaker

On a bright Sunday morning in the late spring of 1964, Hermine Lees, her husband Walter and their four young children were just stepping out of All Souls Church in Alhambra after Mass when they saw a young man bounding out of the rectory, hurrying toward them, wearing clerics, dark horn-rimmed glasses and a huge smile.

It was Father Royale Vadakin, All Souls' new (and newly ordained) associate pastor, all of 26 years old, and anxious to meet — well, everyone.

“And we were the first people he met,” recalled Hermine with a smile. “It was the beginning of a close and wonderful friendship.”

Such was the case with many, if not most, of the people fortunate to make the acquaintance of Msgr. Royale M. Vadakin, who died September 17 at age 80 from pancreatic cancer.

Though he served as vicar general of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and pastor of several parishes, and was a pioneer in the local ecumenical and interfaith movement in his 54 years of priesthood, he was equally known for creating a warm and extensive series of relationships — in the parish, at the archdiocesan Catholic Center, and on any number of civic and religious boards and commissions.

“And that's what made him so good at any level — relationships mattered to him,” said Msgr. Gregory Cox, executive director of Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, who lived with Vadakin for 28 years at St. Anastasia Church in Westchester. “He liked to get out of his office to meet and deal with people personally, and that meant so much to them because it meant so much to him.

“He could talk to and relate to anyone. He'd talk to second-graders in the morning and explain a homily, and speak at a civic commission that evening about matters far more complicated, and feel totally comfortable in both settings.”

That was clear to those he studied with at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, from where Msgr. Vadakin was ordained to the priesthood in 1964. “Everyone knew and loved Royale,” said Cardinal Roger Mahony, a member of the 1962 class. “His great sense of purpose, his sense of humor, and his incredible organization skills endeared all of us to him.”

Lees recalled how Father Vadakin recruited her and others at All Souls to form a Christian Family Movement in the parish. After the 1965 Watts Riots, the young priest — determined to find solutions to the disharmony and turmoil that gripped the city — invited Lees to work with him, Rabbi Alfred Wolf of the Wilshire Boulevard Temple, and others in developing what became the Catholic-Jewish Women's Dialogue, now in its fifth decade.

“That was right after ‘Nostra Aetate’ [the 1964 Second Vatican Council document on Catholic-Jewish relations],” said Lees, who later worked 28 years at The Tidings (after Msgr. Vadakin encouraged her to apply for a staff writer opening).

“He spearheaded [a] whole ecumenical and interreligious process, reaching out to Muslims, to Buddhists, to everyone. He realized that instead of criticizing or not understanding people of other faiths, we needed to talk with them, to help us accept and understand why they believed as they believed.”

“Msgr. Vadakin was a trailblazer in interfaith relations and particularly in Catholic-Jewish relations in Los Angeles,” said Doris Haims, Jewish co-chair of the Catholic-Jewish Women’s Conference and an American Jewish Committee Los Angeles board member. “He leaves behind a rich legacy that will benefit our communities for years to come.”

The 'gift of tact'

Vadakin’s “gift of tact,” as Lees called it, was not lost on those who came after him, regardless of the setting.

“Very often, in Church leadership, you’re trying to put out fires,” noted Los Angeles Auxiliary Bishop Joseph V. Brennan, who in 2012 succeeded Vadakin as vicar general and moderator of the Curia.

“You try to get people to talk with each other, especially now in a society and a Church where talking and listening is sorely needed. And there was no one better at doing that than Royale.” Chuckling, Bishop Brennan continued, “With no disrespect meant to our Lord, I often catch myself saying, ‘What would Royale do in this situation?’ I can still remember coming to [the former Cathedral of] St. Vibiana in 1987 as a young associate when Royale was pastor, and the three years serving with him there was the best thing that happened in my life. He was a wonderful teacher and mentor, a priest who loved to serve people.”

“He was a true servant-leader, and I would underline both terms,” added Cox. “He made everyone feel not just included but important. And he had great faith, a strong foundation and work ethic, for which he’d always credit his mom and dad for providing. His parents were part of the St. Anastasia community too, and to know them was to better know their son.”

He was, his friends added, a priest who had a special compassion for those in distress. When Vadakin came to the ACC as vicar general in 2003, the archdiocese was in the throes of dealing with the scandal involving clergy abuse of minors.

“Without him,” said Cardinal Mahony, “we would never have charted a course which emphasized the plight of the victims, and the need to guarantee the protection of all children and young people in our care.”

‘Taking time to be a friend’

Yet even in the midst of such a monumental task, Vadakin never lost sight of personal relationships. He regularly visited his aging parents in the years prior to their deaths, “regardless of what other crises were going on,” said Lees. “He knew how much they looked forward to seeing him, and nothing was going to interfere with that.”

“He had the weight of the world on shoulders, but he always took the time to be a dear friend,” added David Herbst, a St. Anastasia Church parishioner who served with Vadakin on the William H. Hannon Foundation board of directors. “When my father died, I would often get a call early in the morning from Monsignor, checking up on me, asking how I was doing.”

And when his 12-year-old daughter Margaret Mary faced long and difficult spinal fusion surgery, Vadakin gathered the Herbst family together for a pre-surgery anointing.

“He involved us all, and did it with such thoughtful kindness that we weren’t scared anymore,” said Herbst. “Afterward the doctor told us, ‘These surgeries don’t always go as they’re supposed to, but everything on this one went 100 percent right.’ I called Monsignor and said, ‘You haven’t lost your touch.’”

Herbst and others also appreciated their friend’s sense of humor. “The first time I saw Monsignor was in 1990, when he and Rabbi Wolf were receiving honorary doctorates from Loyola Marymount, where I was a student,” Herbst smiled. “Right as they were receiving the honors, the skies opened up, and Monsignor smiled and said, ‘It’s amazing what can happen when Catholics and Jews work together.’”

He also remembered, at foundation meetings, dessert being passed around and Msgr. Vadakin grabbing his arm and saying, with a smile, “David, remember Natalie and the kids. Do you really need all that?”

Lees recalled covering the 1987 visit of Pope John Paul II to Los Angeles, particularly the ecumenical-interfaith event hosted and organized by Vadakin. “I pull up to the parking lot,” she said, chuckling, “and, there’s Royale, out in front, directing traffic. He wanted everything to go right, and it did.”

Reaping the fruits

1987 was the year Father Alexei Smith arrived in Los Angeles as pastor of St. Andrew Russian Greek Catholic Church in El Segundo. Soon, he was serving on the local Catholic-Orthodox Dialogue panel, after being invited by Vadakin (who helped launch the dialogue).

“And he’d never admit it,” Smith said, “but I believe he put my name forward to become the archdiocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith officer in 2000, and I’ve been in that role ever since. But Royale was the one who enfolded the Second Vatican Council’s call to ecumenism and interfaith relationships, who really planted the seeds, and today those of us who work in that area are reaping fruits of his labors.”

That includes Mike Kerze, who in the early 1980s was a visiting professor in the LMU Theology Department, specializing in world religions, when he was invited to participate in the Southern California Colloquium on Science and Religion with Vadakin and Wolf.

Soon the group had formed Project Discovery, the Catholic-Jewish Educational Enrichment Program, which sent a rabbi to teach about Judaism in Catholic high schools, and Kerze became the Catholic teaching about Christianity for more than a decade at a Jewish high school, now Milken Community High School near the Skirball Center.

“The pilot program, managed by the American Jewish Committee, became nationwide and continues to this day,” said Kerze. “This too is part of Msgr. Vadakin’s continuing legacy.”

In 1989, Kerze — at Vadakin’s invitation — joined the initial Los Angeles Buddhist-Catholic Dialogue, which has since become a model program for other dialogues nationwide. “I am still a member of the Dialogue and count it as one of the greatest blessings in my life,” said Kerze.

'Be open to change'

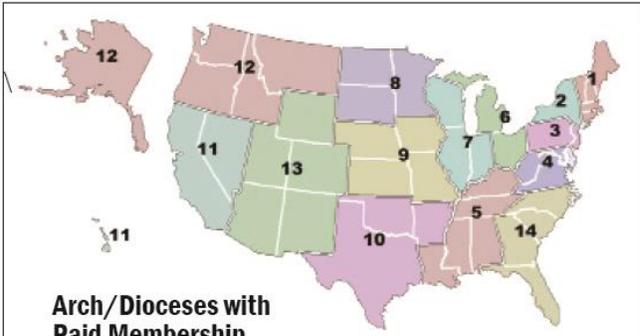
Vadakin's work in developing and maintaining relationships, Brennan said, was rooted in his ability to not simply accept but embrace change.

"Royale used to tell me, 'Joe, be open to a future that is different from what we've seen and known. Be open to change and transformation that is rooted in God. And listen to what the people have to say.'

"So much of what is wrong with the world, and even in our Church, is because people, including the hierarchy, won't listen to one another. Royale was all about bringing people together, and that's why he will be missed, as a beautiful, wonderful churchman in the best sense."

And his friends — though sad, now that Vadakin is gone from this world — are grateful for his loving service to the Church, and their connection to him.

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