

"I am not asking on behalf of these alone, but also for those who believe in Me through their word, that they may all be one; just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me."

John 14:20-21

OFFICERS

David Cole, Chair

Harold D. Hunter, Co-Chair

Cecil M. Robeck, Jr., Co-Chair

MISSION

The PCCNA Christian Unity Commission exists to serve the PCCNA by facilitating greater communication and cooperation between PCCNA constituents and other Christians for the sake of Christian unity and the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

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PCCNA/USCCB Conversation

After several years of discussion surrounding the possibility of dialogue between Pentecostals and Catholics in North America, the PCCNA Executive Committee has approved a three-year, informal conversation between a designated team of five PCCNA representatives and a team appointed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. On behalf of the PCCNA Christian Unity Commission (CUC), Rev. Harold Hunter has facilitated conversations with USCCB leaders that resulted in approvals by both organizations for this conversation.

Each year for three years, an agreed upon topic will be discussed, including papers being presented by representatives of both teams. The topics for the conversation will be: vocation, Christian initiation, and healing. After the three-year conversation, further evaluation will take place, holding open the possibility that an ongoing, more formal dialogue will result. The first session in this series will take place at the Roman Catholic Retreat Center in Washington, DC this fall.

The PCCNA Executive Committee has delegated to the CUC the task of putting together a team of representatives. Those team members are:

- Harold Hunter (facilitator, steering committee) International Pentecostal Holiness Church
- Tammy Dunahoo (steering committee) Foursquare Church
- David Han (paper presenter) Church of God (Cleveland, TN)
- Fred Ware (paper presenter) Church of God in Christ
- Marty Mittelstadt (paper presenter) Assemblies of God

Since our conversation partners are from the U.S., we have limited our team to include participants representing U.S. churches for this round of discussions. We are delighted that Marty Mittelstadt can represent the Assemblies of God USA while also drawing from his Canadian roots and relationally transcending the barriers of the 49th parallel. And in future years we look forward to opportunities that can span all of our North American constituencies.

ORGANIZATIONAL LIAISONS

The 2021 Christian Unity Liaisons, appointed from various PCCNA organizations are:

- David Cole*
Open Bible Churches
- Harold D. Hunter*
International Pentecostal Holiness Church
- S. David Moore
Foursquare Church
- Frank Patrick
Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
- Cecil M. Robeck, Jr.*
Assemblies of God
- David Han
Church of God

* Designates members of the steering committee of the Christian Unity Commission.



CUC Chair David Cole's Reflections



"Our work of demonstrating unity in the power of the Spirit is still to some degree an aspiration."

In our *NOW IS THE TIME* PCCNA virtual conference CUC commission chair, David Cole, opened the Christian Unity and Race Relations program segment with challenging reflections on issues at the heart of PCCNA's mission and purpose. David highlighted three concepts:

- Repentance
- Reconciliation
- Unity

Repentance, especially among leaders, is required if reconciliation is to happen. Reconciliation is a prerequisite to unity. These components are an integral part in our founding as a fellowship of churches. [Click here](#) to view video.

Participant Updates

- DAVID KOOP reported that ALPHA Canada is contributing to ecumenical relationships as various churches are now using their online curriculum.
- ADRIAN HINKLE reviewed the upcoming Society for Pentecostal Studies meetings efforts.
- NATHAN SMITH reviewed the efforts of the Glenmary Home Missioners and their Roman Catholic-Protestant efforts and welcomed additional Pentecostal involvement in their work.
- MEL ROBECK is currently serving (among other ecumenical efforts) with David Wells on the Pentecostal World Fellowship's CUC.
- CARLOS MALAVE updated us on the recent efforts of Christian Churches Together with a focus on racial reconciliation.
- FRANK PATRICK reported on his involvement with the Canadian Roman Catholic-Evangelical Dialogue, the Canadian Council of Churches, and the World Day of Prayer.
- DAVID COLE is working with CHARIS (the Vatican's office supporting the Catholic Charismatic Renewal) and Awakening the Domestic Church on a Novena (a nine-day season of prayer for renewal in the Holy Spirit) involving charismatic communities around the world and culminating in a Pentecost ecumenical prayer vigil from Rome, Jerusalem, Buenos Aires, and Topeka. Pentecost.CMAX.TV

Church of God Committee on Christian Unity



The Church of God International Executive Committee met in July 2020 and gave approval for the formation of a

Committee on Christian Unity. Dr. David Han has been appointed to serve as chair, and the invited initial members are David Han, Clifton Clark, Dale Coulter, Fijoy Johnson, Cruz Paniagua, and Lisa Stephenson.

One purpose of the Christian Unity Committee will be reviewing how the Church of God can join with other groups/organizations as the body of Christ, together provoking a good work for the greater kingdom. As chair of the Church of God's CUC, David Han also serves as the Church of God's Christian Unity Liaison to the PCCNA CUC.