

What impressed and encouraged you?

- The Orthodox & Pentecostal presentations
- not watered down, nor presented confrontationally, but asking how we go forward, & how we can link in with others.
 - Opportunity for others to learn, benefit from & be open to these traditions.

President's presentation - what unity is all about & real unity despite firm commitment to own traditions.

The point on Billy Kennedy's account of building, as Pioneer Network, on the work of those (Methodists in their case) who had laid foundations before.

The obvious commitment to CTE from people at the highest levels.

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- Exciting enthusiasm for God and Gospel; vibrant voices from a wide range of churches.
- Diversity not the opposite or enemy of ~~div~~ unity. Inspired to seek out and connect with other traditions!
- Blurred lines between denominations. No clear delineation of practice and church. Sharing of praxis. Learning from and growing a deeper and more visible unity from the local level up. Receptive AND practice-led ecumenism rather than structural top-down ecumenism. But for structural disagreement, I could be Anglican, RC, Lutheran, Methodist - and practice/doctrine (almost) unchanged.
- Young people - not "future" of the church. CURRENT. We could get sidetracked seeking out a "lost generation" while ignoring the young people we already have! Encouragement to engage with them!
- We all love Christ! Love our churches! Passion + excitement of the twelve youth apostles.
- The weather! And sunset! The venue! The staff!

The atmosphere

- Listening to each other as "the task" rather than being talked at. Walking together. Visible - bishops walking + talking together. We are a family. Families fight... but they belong together and find identity in their relationships.

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- Relaxed receiving of one another.

• Different ways in which we serve Christ.

Seeking to make disciples? Hospitality? Variety of ways in which we serve the Gospel.

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Walking + talking together,
Acceptance of being on the same journey
Praying for reality, getting out of the denom cocoon
The involvement of the Y.P.

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Variety of ways God leads people to respond to him in their many situations.

The practical initiatives in different parts of country.

Showing God's love to others - together.

"Hearing how things have grown since I was in Birmingham"

Thinking of the way people work together in, eg. street pastors.

Enthusiasm of the young people. Their encouragement of each other

Testimony about how students support/befriend each other in v. difficult situations.

Stories of grass-roots initiatives. We know about street pastors, etc,

but a lot of things happening in addition.

Impressed by holistic/environmental/ecological dimension of orthodoxy.

Emphasis on Orthodox & Pentecostal was good - newer churches (in England) that were not sufficiently aware of.

Broadening our ~~vision~~ vision of the Church.

Increasingly aware of grounding in scripture, in various traditions -
- different ways of doing this.

Similarities between liturgies - greater than one might think.

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Breadth of input & quality of it, esp. the Young
Orthodoxy - Pentecostals - The Young 12

Young people called to ministry.

Good ethos.

* forum hit the right note for this time *

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YOUTH EVENING - really well done
- find more "urban" young people as well?

PEOPLE HAVE BEEN GRACIOUS AND FRIENDLY

- ↳ a non-suspicious atmosphere
- ↳ great for building genuine relationships

THE FOOD. ✓

GREAT CONVERSATIONS STARTED

- ↳ Harder to carry conversations on, could we have more of this conversation in the LOCAL churches together. There seems to be a discrepancy between this gathering and local CT groups.
- ↳ Continuous process

APPRECIATING DIVERSITY

- ↳ Unity won't come until we really appreciate our differences
- ↳ CHRIST is the common denominator
- ↳ UNDERSTANDING can lead to love.

STYLES OF PRESENTATION really positive.

- ↳ People talking from the heart

Could CTE send round info / invitations to denominational events and conferences?

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- Vitality of young people + ^{their} profound message
- Many Orthodox + Pentecostal churches were present & participated
- Inclusion in Orthodox Morning prayer + Mass - Cardinal Nichols' generous inclusion of non Catholics
- The warmth of the conference participants - ~~generally~~ really good to meet people & renew friendships
- Very interesting people - openness to dialogue
- Hearing the Orthodox + Pentecostals in their variety
- ~~Learning~~ Many we have "done this" is a cause of celebration - there has been substance
- Being at the receiving end of the "ecclesial imperialism" that ~~are~~ some denominations have exercised in the past - but shouldn't be a template for future conferences

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Small group 15.

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- The focus on the present, the now.
- The variety of voices - not capable of being replicated in all places + structures.
- The atmosphere of openness & listening.
- The presence of young people - a ~~entire~~ Forum for young adults.
- The potential of progress through friendship?

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- The young people's presentation.
 - How they prepared, looked out for one another, their timekeeping, their enthusiasm.
- The presidents' commitment to ecumenism, ~~seeking~~ accepting diversity without expecting uniformity.
- Found God where I didn't expect it, in noise, where I'm used to only finding God in silence. "Thank you" from the gut. Praise is usually missing in my experience. Starting from the Holy Spirit instead of the Father.
- Impressed by the respect with which everyone was listened to.
- How open people have been to learn from one another, from anyone. Helped by the emphasis on 'Listening' this week. Listening nourishes the church, fosters relationships, is a tool.

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The orderliness of the orthodox clergy together with their hotness.

less tension than at previous forums.

Hope for the future exemplified by the young people

Impressed by Michael and his university experience.

Billy Kennedy, his graciousness & his conversations between the new & old ~~orders~~ orders

This forum has given more encouragement & hope for the future.

The young people • encouragement to go back.
• try something different.

Orthodoxy & Pentecostal presentation • something in the strangeness made me think I could be a part of it.

opportunity for more theological thinking.

The young people & the way they worked each & supported each other on.

Nicola's use of a visual presentation

What impressed and encouraged you?

1. "Jesus" is the centre - came through clearly from all speakers of different traditions/read/said in different ways. Unity already Expressed??
2. Young Peoples Presentation. No baggage of old ecclesial structures!
Tremendous hope for unity through the life of our youth.
3. Encouraged by the courage of young people.
4. Encouraged by the Gp of 12 young people of "welcome to paradise"
but discouraged by the fact that there were many more young people who were not recognized who have been making their contribution from the floor.
5. Small groups have been very useful to hear each other and voice issues. We recommend the small group meet everyday.
6. For the first time the Pentecostals have a voice in the Forum.
Very encouraging.
7. Living unity of faith was so visible in the conference it was not about structure. All be one but not same!
7. We liked meeting people of different traditions. [But the Leaders question time was a missed opportunity. Difficult questions of disunity, ^{issues} like, gay, communion etc. were not addressed.]

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How we are changed ^{and challenged} on the
Kameral journey

Young people who joined a UNIT7
Community to support via social media

Gender & age balance

Inclusiveness of workshop

Freedom of expression

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Articulate and committed Young People

Seriousness + fervour of many parts and participants of Forum

Being with young people; within the group - each passionate about own denomination but supportive of each other.

"Being ecumenical ~~and~~ strengthens my own commitment to my own denomination".

Orthodox presence - appreciated their openness and sharing
Graceness being shown between Orthodox traditions to share with other Christians.

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Helpful information + introduction to other traditions.

Young people - came over with deep faith, commitment and enthusiasm.

Powerful music, encouragement of music ministry, and ideas and support for music in local church.

Feeling of togetherness.

Young people - excited by what they said and asked, but how will what they shared be used by the wider church - and in local situations.

Reminded that different ~~to~~ faith traditions come from different cultural contexts and we need some understanding of those contexts to also understand the faith traditions.

Finding different understandings of the gifts of the Spirit, in different traditions.

The breaking down of barriers between faith traditions.

Listening together for mission

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Challenge

I find the Pent' view difficult
emotional not grounded in understanding

I struggle with the words of some of the songs

but we can sit in the same room + engage + not be cross
with each other

Challenge

we haven't discussed things we disagree on
The international conf. for young people should be run ecumenically, not by RCs alone.
we shd drive elephants from where God wants to take us.

read Brian McClaren - "We made the road by walking"

This Conf. is encouraging cos we want to be together.

If we learn to accept + live with difference so all feel sufficiently welcomed + all want to
draw closer - barriers are coming down. - real sign of progress
dialogue - getting to know + understand each other better - understanding
what people actually do + believe - is progress.
That's not resolving difference, but learning to live with difference.

Orthodox said - "It's all about words and politics." !!

We've all always got far more to learn than we understand yet.

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The young people . - How well they spoke
not intimidated - Articulation of faith
↑ Honesty
Challenging

Wider spread of churches and ages.
A very good feel to conference and from

Musical worship outstanding, very sensitive
Diversity of denominational speakers.

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- ① Young people's passion for God and their immediate unity and acceptance of each other.
- ② Structural differences are more important and separatist found in older people & older denominations.
- ③ Large number of different people, views, denominations gathered together.
- ④ Huge diversity of engagement, opinions.
- ⑤ The young people's activity in supporting each other and those suffering.
- ⑥ We intentionally listened to each other.
- ⑦ Wide variety of participants especially AGE groups
- ⑧ A lot of people who were to engage with a view to mission together.

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- The music - has helped to create an overall culture of worship.
- Recognition of others' discomfort by people who then spoke to those who were challenged / in a minority.
- * • Determination of people to listen and be sensitive to each other
- The hope that we are getting to a more mature place where we can wrestle with ~~the~~ the difficult issues
- * • How friendly people are
 - * The challenge: how to replicate these at the level of the local church
- That this was given as a gift & a place in which acceptance was found across individuals and denominations.
- The gift of time and freedom which energises for the things to which we return
- The amount (the very unusual amount) of energy in this ecumenical gathering. It's more comparable to WEC (global ecumenical level) than usual CTE levels.
- The hospitality ~ the generosity of spirit as well as the quality of the accommodation & catering: a generosity of spirit which perhaps begins in a planning group who know each other & demonstrate that generosity which 'infects' us all.

WE'D LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE PLANNING GROUP

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CARDINAL VINCENT'S PRAISE
OF THIS FORUM AS THE
BEST EVER.

DESIRE TO GO BACK AND
SHARE THE EXPERIENCE
WITH ECUMENICAL COLLEAGUES

YOUTH PRESENTERS LOVE
AND RESPECT FOR EACH
OTHER AND THEIR
CONFIDENCE IN AND LOVE OF
THEIR OWN TRADITION

OPENESS TO EXPERIENCE
ANOTHER TRADITION'S
WORSHIP.

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The Young people, their presentation
& message -

Changed my view from pessimism to
optimism

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- We are a family of families.
- Diversity within denominations
- The Young People!
- Greater involvement & participation of Pentecostals & Orthodox.

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- Aliveness, dynamism + life within the Church - much to celebrate.
- Young people talking about what they valued about their own tradition.
- Opportunity to listen to young people ^{and others} deeply.
- Accepting contradiction without crisis.
- 'Unity in walking' - we can tolerate contradictions
- Young people holding less to denominations.
- Importance of 'being' together - a generous + gracious atmosphere - and missing together.

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- THE RANGE OF STUFF GOING CO-OPERATIVELY EVERYWHERE. Food bank, the young people etc. Churches working together already.
- The faith of the young folks and their ability to listen and get along with each other.
- The young man from Cherubim & Seraphim. Is Jesus ^{still} knocking or inside the church?? Rev 3:22. Who is leading the church. It should be Jesus. The reminder to that was very impressive.
- Theme between the orthodox and pentecostal churches. The focus on the Holy Spirit (many people were impressed by this).
- Jesus being the centre and pillar of the church and should be our focus.
- It is through discovery & understanding of other flavours of Christianity (Ecumenism) that we come to understand and cherish more our own flavours.. [Young lady from Salvation Army].

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- ① The participation, witness + enthusiasm of the 12 young people.
- ② The emphasis on listening.
- ③ Friendship is the key to listening.

Who/ from where/ comes
the fear of others?
Leaders / misleaders?

Fr. Vincent O'Healan (deceased)
"You can really only talk
about religion with your
friends"

What is unity?
What is uniformity?
What is at stake
with the absence of
uniformity?
What is at stake
with intercommunion?
What witness does it
give to the world?

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- Possibility of including Orthodox & Today Adventist in our Eucharistal bodies: How do we identify Pentecostalist Representation?
- Struck by diversity within denominations (e.g. Catholic)
 - ↳ in communion (not uniform)
- o Quite packed programme, but not as full as previously: room for reflection.
- o Future is good (re the young people)
- o Struck by Orthodoxy & pre-schism saints
- o Holy Spirit: this couldn't happen if we tried to plan it, it just happens
- o Full of hope: similar to Berlin Wall coming down
- o The Presidents were impressive and encouraging
- Magpie approached to Ministry.

~~WED~~ MONDAY

Future = exciting

What's happening around country = exciting

Church leaders praying together

Just being here

Being amongst

Common mission & ministry

Common prayer in common purpose

Excited by what might be going on (e.g. through
Christian Aid, parachurch, etc.)

Volunteering → facilitating ecumenism

25 cent...

What impressed and encouraged you?

- Youth
- Inclusivity
- Holy spirit across the board
- Having the presidents panel → comment on the different projects across the churches
 - food banks, street pastors etc... so the council don't have to deal with one church.