

Churches Together in England is the officially recognised body co-ordinating the life of its Member Churches and bodies in England. They are:

Member Churches of Churches Together in England

Antiochian Orthodox Church
Baptist Union of Great Britain
Cherubim & Seraphim Council of Churches
Church of England
Church of God of Prophecy
Church of Scotland (in England)
Congregational Federation
Coptic Orthodox Church
Council of African & Afro-Caribbean Churches
Council of Oriental Orthodox Christian Churches
Evangelische Synode Deutscher Sprache in Großbritannien
Ichthus Christian Fellowship
Independent Methodist Churches
International Ministerial Council of Great Britain
Joint Council for Anglo-Caribbean Churches
Lutheran Council of Great Britain
Methodist Church
Moravian Church
New Testament Assembly
New Testament Church of God
Oecumenical Patriarchate Archdiocese of Thyateira
and Great Britain
Redeemed Christian Church of God
Religious Society of Friends
Roman Catholic Church
Russian Orthodox Church
Salvation Army
Trans Atlantic and Pacific Alliance of Churches
United Reformed Church
Wesleyan Holiness Church

Observer

Seventh Day Adventist Church

Seeking membership in 2008

Mar Thoma Syrian Church

England-based Churches belonging to the Free Churches Group, and not currently to Churches Together in England

Assemblies of God
Churches in Communities International
Church of the Nazarene
Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion
Fellowship of Churches of Christ
Free Church of England
Free Methodist Church
Old Baptist Union
Wesleyan Reform Union

Other Churches in England

CTE strives to forge links with other Churches which are currently not part of the national ecumenical bodies; and often those Churches are represented on Co-ordinating Groups which plan the Churches' collaborative work.

CTE values its relationship with the Evangelical Alliance, the African and Caribbean Evangelical Alliance and the Alliance of Asian Christians.

Trustees

Chair:

Revd Peter Whittaker (West Yorkshire Methodist District)

Deputy Chair:

Pauline Johnson (Association of Inter Church Families)

Honorary Treasurer:

Peter Hammond (Moravian Church)

and 12 others appointed by the Enabling Group.

Staff

The staff comprises 14 full-time equivalents.

Revd Bill Snelson General Secretary until March 2008

Revd Dr David Cornick General Secretary from April 2008

Revd Mark Fisher Executive Sec., Free Churches Group

Bishop Joe Aldred Sec for Minority Ethnic Christian Affairs

Jenny Bond Field Officer (North/Midlands)

Revd John Bradley Field Officer (South), editor *e-news*

Celia Blackden Inter Faith Relations

John Baxter-Brown Youth Work

Revd Debbie Hodge Free Churches Secretary for Health Care Chaplaincy, Women's Issues

Sarah Lane Free Church and CTE Education Officer

Richard Reddie Project Director, set all free

Kate Yates Project Officer, set all free

Michael Wood Company Secretary and Finance Manager

Carole Golden Opportunities for Volunteering, and works with Bill Snelson and John Baxter-Brown

Lorraine Shannon works with Celia Blackden, Jenny Bond and Jim Currin

Edith Steele Disability awareness, and works with John Bradley, Debbie Hodge, and Joe Aldred

Sabina Williams works with Mark Fisher, Debbie Hodge and Sarah Lane

Capt Jim Currin, Sec for the Group for Evangelisation, and Gareth Squire, www.rejesus.co.uk and Christian Enquiry Agency, though employed separately, are close colleagues.

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CHURCHES
TOGETHER
in ENGLAND

2008

Making Connections

www.churches-together.net

Churches Together in the nations

Churches Together in England (CTE) was set up in 1990 as a fresh network of relationships. There are bodies parallel in Wales (CYTUN) and Scotland (ACTS). The Irish Council of Churches fulfils a similar role. Reframed in 2006, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland is an agency and resource for the national bodies such as CTE, which themselves aim to work closely and share expertise.

The Free Churches and Churches Together

Most members of the Free Churches Group (FCG) are also members of CTE. In close partnership CTE and FCG share resources, employment, administration and accommodation.

Churches Together in Counties and Cities

'Intermediate' or 'county' ecumenical bodies are supported by CTE and provide a nation-wide network. They, and their ecumenical development officers or 'county ecumenical officers', are entirely autonomous. They care for local groups.

Churches Together locally

There are about 2500 autonomous local groupings of 'Churches Together', and some 800 Local Ecumenical Partnerships. The Churches' Group for Local Unity, under CTE's auspices, provides advice and resources.

The Presidents of Churches Together in England

The four Presidents of Churches Together in England are:

- ✚ Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor
 - ✚ Archbishop Rowan Williams
 - ✚ Bishop Nathan Hovhannisian of the Armenian Church
 - ✚ Commissioner Elizabeth Matear (Free Church Moderator)
- The Presidents meet for prayer, discussion and planning four times a year, together with the General Secretary.

The Trustees / Directors of Churches Together in England

The Trustees are appointed by the Enabling Group.

The Enabling Group of Churches Together in England

The Enabling Group comprises representatives of each Member Church, along with some elected by the regions and the triennial Forum. It is the arena for Churches to worship and plan together as they develop their common life.

Finance

CTE's work is mostly financed by its Member Churches. Work for the Free Churches Group is funded by the Free Church Federal Council. The Department for Children, Schools and Families makes a grant towards youth work coordination. The Education Officer's work is supported by Jerusalem Trust. The *set all free* project has been supported by Jerusalem Trust, Congregational & General Insurance and the Churches; it receives no Government or Heritage Lottery Funds.

Snapshots of 2007

Supporting local and intermediate ecumenism

Working with County Ecumenical Officers
Training courses and consultations
Reviews of Intermediate Bodies

set all free

Networking on abolition of slave trade bi-centenary
Lent Course; National Commemoration Service

More Than Gold

Charity working towards 2012 Olympics

Extended Schools/ services

Examining how churches can better relate to schools

Gang culture, gun grime and street violence

Mapping what churches are doing

Religious Literacy Project

Working with other faith communities to enhance knowledge and effectiveness in Local Authorities

Ecumenical Journey: Moving Together

Reviewing development of ecumenical life since 1997

One light: one world

Bible texts supporting the unity of church and world

Church in New Housing Areas www.cinha.net

Monitoring and networking developments

Supporting spiritual care in the Health Service

Free Churches Chaplains local Networks
Chaplaincy Education Consortia Proposals

Networking those working with people with disabilities.

Building on and inter-relating existing networks

Developing website and electronic communication

Publishing monthly CT e-news
Maximising use of www.churches-together.net
Providing paper copies to non-IT users

On-line directory for Black Majority Churches

Listing and connecting churches, church offices, events

Evangelisation news: Free email news

www.evangelismuk.typepad.com

Church in a Spiritual Age [website www.ciasa.org.uk](http://www.ciasa.org.uk)

Continuing to look at current forms of spirituality

Relations with Government

Participation in Faith Communities Consultative Council
Sharing in the Black Christian Leaders Group
Working with Borders and Immigration Authority
Monitoring Legislation (RADAR)

Look out for in 2008

Centenary of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Publicising, resourcing
Centenary Service at Westminster Abbey

Engaging Spirituality @ The Gathering

A Conference for all involved in local ecumenism

More Than Gold

Extending churches' interest in 2012 opportunities

Hope 08

Encouraging word and action together

Migration (with CTBI)

Networking churches' engagement with migrants

Extended Schools/ services

Developing the agenda with Government's DfCSF

Adult formation

Enabling a round-table of those involved

Hope and a Future

Report on Church's response to gangs, drugs and guns'

Religious Literacy Project

Assisting delivery of first year pilot project

Ecumenical Journey: Moving Together

Developing links with new and migrant churches

One light: one world

Developing theological and faith and order resources

Disability

Development of a network of Christian organisations

'Black Christianity in Britain: facing up to the 21st Century'

An anthology

Smaller churches and those outside CTE

Improving resources flow to smaller churches
Developing ways to accredit involvement in chaplaincy

Supporting spiritual care in the health service

Spiritual support for those with Acquired Brain Injury
Research into 'what do chaplains really do'?

Ecumenical Youth Forum

Exploring Forum by and for Youth People

Supporting local and intermediate ecumenism

Working with County Ecumenical Officers
Training courses and consultations
Reviews of Intermediate Bodies
Producing resource for Intermediate Bodies
Sustaining work of Group for Local Unity

Bodies in Association

Sustaining network of associated Bodies and Groups

General Secretary hand-over

Welcoming David Cornick in succession to Bill Snelson

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