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HIGHLIGHTS OF 2010

We were sorry to say farewell to Bishop Nathan, one of our Presidents, who returned to Armenia. Archbishop Rowan and Commissioner Betty made a significant visit to the Princess Alice Hospice in Esher. The Presidents also convened an initial meeting with leaders of the black-majority churches.



We appointed a Secretary for European Affairs (part-time). The Churches Group for Evangelisation opened a three-year theme 'disciples - confident to share their faith' and produced resources material on 'partnership for mission'. A fruitful consultation was held on the theme of 'Light Ecumenism', looking at the relationship of mission and ecumenism in a post-denominational culture.



It was good to share in the celebrations of the Centenary of Edinburgh 1910 and of the Papal Visit to the UK. Inter Faith relations were supported through the production of a web-video resource and an event 'Celebrating Later Life: older people, spirituality and faith'. Grove Books published 'Friendship and Exchange with people of other faiths'. We enabled the two meetings of our Bodies in Association. The Churches Committee for Health Care Chaplaincy became an authorising body for smaller denominations.

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Looking Ahead 2011

REVIEWS

A number of reviews are underway or planned for the year. An administrative review has focussed on the working of the office and the staff and some changes are in process. Reviews of the Co-ordinating Groups and the Intermediate Bodies, along with the Joint Operating Agreement with the Free Churches' Group are also planned.

BETTER CONNECTIONS

This initiative seeks to address the fact that in a number of ways smaller denominations are not able to engage with the work of CTE as they would wish. Ensuring better communications and the possibility of occasional issue-based consultations are ways in which it is hoped to enable participation, even when churches are not regularly 'round the table'. This applies particularly to the work of Co-ordinating Groups. Behind this is a constant monitoring of our effective communications - website, e-news, resource papers.

THE PRESIDENTS

During the year we will be welcoming some new Presidents:

Revd Michael Heaney, of the Congregational Federation, will become the Free Churches Moderator. Bishop Jana Jeruma-Grinberga, of the Lutheran Church in GB, will represent the smaller denominations.

SUPPORTING NATIONAL INITIATIVES

Bible Fresh - a Bible Society project to encourage engagement with scripture. Local CT groups might involve schools or others.

Hope Together builds on Hope 2008 encouraging 'word and deed mission' and 'doing more and doing together'.

More than Gold is engaging the churches and their networks of volunteers in the build up to the Olympic Games.

EUROPE

Regular updates will be available for those involved in contacts with Europe. A database of information about contacts between English and European churches will be a growing resource.

There are plans for a consultation between those working for the CTE members churches on Europe.

INTERFAITH

A Spring Conference is planned and support will be given to Inter Faith Week.

LOCAL ECUMENISM

Our core role in support of Ecumenical Development Officers around the country will continue, particularly 'inducting' a significant number of new officers.

HEALTH CARE CHAPLAINCY

We will continue to develop and facilitate the process whereby smaller denominations may authorise clergy for hospital chaplaincy.

MEMBER CHURCHES

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 and Afro-Caribbean Churches - Council of Oriental Orthodox Churches - Elim Pentecostal Church
Evangelische Synode Deutscher Sprache in Grossbritannien
Exarchate of parishes of the Russian Tradition (Ecumenical Patriarchate) - Ichthus Christian Fellowship
Independent Methodist Churches - International Ministerial Council of Great Britain - Joint Council of Anglo-Caribbean Churches - Lutheran Council GB - Mar Thoma Church
Methodist Church - Moravian Church - New Testament Assembly
New Testament Church of God - Oecumenical Patriarchate
Religious Society of Friends - Redeemed Christian Church of God - Roman Catholic Church - Russian Orthodox Church
Salvation Army - Transatlantic and Pacific Alliance of Churches
United Reformed Church - Wesleyan Holiness Church

TRUSTEES

Chair: Revd Peter Whittaker
(West Yorkshire Methodist District)
Deputy Chair: Pauline Johnson
(Association of Interchurch Families)
Honorary Treasurer: Peter Hammond
(Moravian Church)

Twelve other members appointed by the Enabling Group

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a wealth of resources for local ecumenism,
ecumenical dialogue and active co-operation

Take a look! Explore

Churches Together in England was established in 1990, along with Cytun (Wales) and ACTS (Scotland) to offer 'resourced space' for sharing between the churches on a wide range of common interests and concerns.

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland brings together the churches work across the 4 nations and links to the national instruments.

In counties and cities across England 'intermediate' ecumenical bodies, established by their own churches, offer support and resources to the 2500 local 'churches together' groupings. 800+ Local Ecumenical Partnerships are supported at this level.

CTE offers training and support for 'intermediate' Ecumenical Officers for this work.

The Enabling Group of CTE draws representatives of all 31 member churches together to reflect on the ecumenical journey and to offer direction to the work. This is largely done by Co-ordinating Groups for different areas of work and by the staff.