

Member Communions

African Methodist Episcopal Church
The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
Alliance of Baptists
American Baptist Churches in the USA
Diocese of the Armenian Church in America
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Church of the Brethren
The Coptic Orthodox Church in North America
The Episcopal Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Friends United Meeting
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
Hungarian Reformed Church in America
International Council of Community Churches
Korean Presbyterian Church in America
Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church
Mar Thoma Church
Moravian Church in America
(Northern and Southern Province)
National Baptist Convention of America
National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
National Missionary Baptist Convention of America
Orthodox Church in America
Patriarchal Parishes of the Russian Orthodox
Church in the USA
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious
Society of Friends
Polish National Catholic Church of America
Presbyterian Church (USA)
Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc..
Reformed Church in America
Serbian Orthodox Church in the USA and Canada
The Swedenborgian Church
Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America
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Working and Praying Together for 100 years.

The 32 member communions of the Federal Council of Churches, founded during a cold December week in Philadelphia in 1908, lost no time immersing themselves in 20th century issues. Under the leadership of the Rev. Frank Mason North, they developed "The Social Creed of the Churches" which called for labor reform, the end of cruel factory conditions, and the elimination of child labor. The Council called for immigration reform, temperance and justice for all Americans.

A century later, the National Council of Churches (which succeeded the Federal Council in 1950) looks back on 100 years of pastoral concern and involvement in national and world affairs. The NCC and its leaders — men and women from all member communions and both political parties — were among the first to champion the causes of Civil Rights, nuclear disarmament, peace, justice for the poor, clean air and water, and freedom of worship at home and abroad.

The centennial of the National Council of Churches is a celebration shared by every member communion. Their commitment to the visible unity of the church was crucial to the faithful witness of the Council. For 100 years and more, the Council has testified that the words of Christ are a mandate to love our neighbor at home and in society. The ministries and purposes we share were never better defined than by Frank Mason North when he offered the Social Creed of the Churches in 1908: "Christ's mission is not merely to reform society but to save it. He is more than the world's Re-adjuster. He is its Redeemer."

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Top row: Archbishop Iakovos with Martin Luther King Jr., Ralph Abernathy and future NCC President Andrew Young; NCC Presidents Eugene Carson Blake and J. Irwin Miller; **Middle row,** President Truman receives his RSV Bible; Frank Mason North, author of the 1908 Social Creed of the Churches; Gene Blake and Bob Hope meet while visiting U.S. troops in Alaska; the RSV Bible; Samuel McCrae Cavert, NCC General Secretary. And Roy Ross, future G.S. (center and right) start the presses to print the RSV; **Bottom row,** NCC Presidents Cynthia Wedel, current President Vicken Aykazian, Sterling Cary, Andrew Young, Philip Cousin and Elenie Huszagh

