



Witnesses of These Things: Ecumenical Engagement in a New Era

New Orleans, Louisiana
Nov 9-11, 2010

All those committed to Christian unity, including representatives of local and regional ecumenism, are invited to join in a special Centennial Ecumenical Gathering to mark 100 years of modern ecumenism since the 1910 World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh. This gathering is convened by the National Council of Churches and Church World Service for the one, multi-faceted ecumenical movement.

This once-in-a-lifetime event will be a "celebration" of modern ecumenism, but also a time for assessing the churches' failure to receive God's gift of unity, for anticipating new directions for ecumenism in the 21st Century, and for recommitting ourselves and our churches to the ecumenical calling.

Mon. Nov. 8	Tue. Nov. 9	Wed. Nov. 10	Thu. Nov. 11	Fri. Nov. 12
Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Opportunities New Fire Young Adult Gathering	Centennial Gathering begins at noon Afternoon: Greetings from Participating Groups, Keynote, & Small Groups Evening: Dinners and Opening Worship	Centennial Gathering Morning: Small Groups Afternoon: Abbreviated NCC/CWS business Evening: Awards Banquet & New Orleans Culture	Centennial Gathering Morning: Small Groups Afternoon: The Future of Ecumenism; Evening: Banquet and Closing Worship <i>(Local and Regional Participants Dine Together)</i>	Consultation on Local and Regional Ecumenism (8:30am-3:30pm) Brief Presentations, Visioning Process, and Small Group Discussion

The process of preparing for the gathering includes five study groups dealing with crucial themes of our era. Discussion of these topics will occur in the small groups in the brief schedule given above:

- Christian Understanding of Unity in an Age of Radical Diversity
- Christian Understanding of Mission in an Age of Interfaith Relations
- Christian Understanding of War in an Age of Terrorism
- Christian Understanding of the Economy in an Age of Growing Inequality
- Christian Understanding of Creation in an Age of Environmental Crisis.

Please contact Ammon Ripple at aripple@nccusa.org or 646-596-4750 if you want to receive further information about this event or if you are interested in responding to the papers being developed on the five study topics.

Registration fees have not yet been established, but they may be in the range of \$400. If also attending the Local and Regional Ecumenism Consultation, the additional fee for Friday will be \$90.

Participants include representatives from : Local and Regional Ecumenical and Interfaith Councils , the National Association of Ecumenical and Interreligious Staff (NAEIS), the State Ecumenical Executives (SEE) colleague group, NCC member communions, other Christian communions, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Canadian Council of Churches, the Caribbean Council of Churches, the World Student Christian Federation, the U.S. Conference of the World Council of Churches , and other faith traditions.