



Witnesses of These Things: Ecumenical Engagement in a New Era

2010 Centennial Ecumenical Gathering and General Assembly of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA and Church World Service

Alphabet of Acronyms

(Italics indicates an NCC member communion.)

AACC	All Africa Conference of Churches
AAR	American Academy of Religion
ABCUSA	<i>American Baptist Churches USA</i>
ACT	ACT Alliance, an alliance of 100 churches & church-related organizations that work together in humanitarian assistance & development
A&F/CWS	Administration and Finance (CWS)
A&F/NCC	Administration and Finance (NCC committee)
ABS	American Bible Society
AGS	Associate General Secretary
AME	<i>African Methodist Episcopal Church</i>
AMEZ	<i>African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church</i>
AB	<i>Alliance of Baptists</i>
ACC	<i>Apostolic Catholic Church</i>
BOD/CWS	Board of Directors (CWS)
BTU	Bible Translation and Utilization Committee
CADEIO	Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers
CBCM	Committee on Black Congregational Ministries (ELMC-NCC)
CCA	Christian Conference of Asia
CCC	Caribbean Conference of Churches
CC	Communication Commission (NCC)
CC (DoC)	<i>Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)</i>
CCC-CCE	Canadian Council of Churches-Le Conseil canadien des Églises
CCRT	Consultation on Curriculum Research and Theory (ELMC-NCC)
CCT-USA	Christian Churches Together in the USA
CDF	Children's Defense Fund
CEC	Conference of European Churches
CECE	Committee on Continuing Education with Church Educators (ELMC-NCC)

CFMHS	Committee on Family Ministries and Human Sexuality (ELMC-NCC)
CJCF	Committee on Justice for Children and Their Families (ELMC-NCC)
CLAI	Latin American Council of Churches-Consejo Latinoamericano de Iglesias
CME	Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
CoB	Church of the Brethren
COD	Committee on Disabilities (ELMC-NCC)
COM	Committee on Outdoor Ministries (ELMC-NCC)
CPA	Cooperative Publication Association
COC	Coptic Orthodox Church in North America
CROP	CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide hunger education and fund-raising events sponsored by CWS.
CTTF	“Come to the Feast” – Young Adult Ministries biennial event (ELMC-NCC)
CUIC	Churches Uniting in Christ
CUS	Committee on Uniform Series (ELMC-NCC)
CWS	Church World Service
CWU	Church Women United
DMC	Deaf Ministries Committee (ELMC-NCC)
DGS	Deputy General Secretary
DOV	Decade to Overcome Violence – a WCC effort
DoACA	Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
DRRL	Disaster Response and Recovery Liaison (CWS)
ECCN	Ecumenical Child Care Network
ECF	Ecumenical Commitment Fund of the NCC
EDEIO	Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers
ELCA	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
ELMC	Education and Leadership Ministries Commission (NCC)
EO	Ecumenical Officers
ERP	Emergency Response Program (CWS)
ESV	English Standard Version of the Bible
EYAMT	Ecumenical Young Adult Ministries Team (ELMC-NCC)
EYST	Ecumenical Youth Staff Team (ELMC-NCC)
ECUSA	The Episcopal Church (use of acronym is discouraged)
ELCA	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
ED/CEO	Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer (CWS)
FAO	International Fund for Agricultural Development
FGC	Friends General Conference
FUM	Friends United Meeting
FOC	Faith and Order Commission (NCC)
FP	Friendship Press
FY	Fiscal Year
GA	General Assembly (NCC/CWS)
GB/NCCC	Governing Board (NCC)
GBCS	General Board of Church and Society (UMC)
GBGM	General Board of Global Ministries (UMC)
GBOD	General Board of Discipleship (UMC)
GCCUIC	General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns (UMC)
GOAA	Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

GS	General Secretary (NCC)
HOC	Head of Communion
HR/CWS	Human Resources (CWS)
HR/NCC	Human Resources (NCC committee)
HRC	Hungarian Reformed Church in America
ICCC	International Council of Community Churches
I&J	Inclusiveness and Justice (NCC committee)
ILS	International Lesson Series
IRC	Interfaith Relations Commission (NCC)
IRP	Immigration and Refugee Program (CWS)
JAC	Justice and Advocacy Commission (NCC)
JFWWG	Justice for Women Working Group
KPCA	Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad
LERN	Lutheran Ecumenical Representatives Network
LRE	Local and Regional Ecumenism (<i>general shorthand</i>)
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MOSC	Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church
MTC	Mar Thoma Syrian Church of India
MECC	Middle East Council of Churches
MOR	Moravian Church in North America (Northern Province, Southern Province)
MRW	Mission Relationship and Witness (CWS)
NAEIS	National Association of Ecumenical and Interreligious Staff
NBCA	National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.
NBCUSA	National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
NCC	National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA (<i>NCCC and NCCCUSA are discouraged</i>)
NEOA	National Ecumenical Officers Association
NMBCA	National Missionary Baptist Convention of America
NGO	Non-government Organization
NOM	Nominations Committee (a General Assembly standing committee)
NRSV	New Revised Standard Version of the Bible
NWCU	National Workshop on Christian Unity
OCA	Orthodox Church in America
OED	Office of the Executive Director (CWS)
OGHS	One Great Hour of Sharing
OGS	Office of the General Secretary (NCC)
PAACCE	Pacific Asian America/Canadian Christian Education (ELMC-NCC)
PNCC	Polish National Catholic Church of America
PCEM	Program Committee on Education for Mission (ELMC-NCC)
PCL	Professional Church Leadership
PC(USA)	Presbyterian Church (USA) (parentheses preferred in acronym)
PEL	Committee on Public Education and Literacy (ELMC-NCC)

PNBC	<i>Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.</i>
PPJN	Parenting for Peace and Justice Network
PYM	<i>Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends</i>
RCA	<i>Reformed Church in America</i>
RDD	Resource Development Department (CWS)
REO	Regional Ecumenical Organization (of the WCC)
RFP	Religions for Peace
ROC	<i>Patriarchal Parishes of the Russian Orthodox Church in the USA</i>
RSV	Revised Standard Version of the Bible
SBL	Society of Biblical Literature
SC	Service Center (CWS)
SCNA	<i>The Swedenborgian Church of North America</i>
SCOBA	Standing Conference of the Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas
SEE	State Ecumenical Executives colleague group
SOC	<i>Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America</i>
SOCoA	<i>Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch</i>
SSZ	School Safe Zones (CWS)
SUN	Scaling Up Nutrition, a framework for the International community to highlight its work in nutrition, including the development of the Sun Roadmap
UOCofUSA	<i>Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA</i>
UCC	<i>United Church of Christ</i>
UMC	<i>The United Methodist Church</i>
UMEIT	United Methodist Ecumenical and Interreligious Training
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNICEF	United Nation's Children's Fund
UNHCR	United Nations High Commission for Refugees
USCCB	United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WCC	World Council of Churches
WDP	World Day of Prayer
WFP	UN World Food Program
WHO	UN World Health Organization
WSCF	World Student Christian Federation