**PENTECOSTAL/CHARISMATIC KOINONIA 2019: A Report on Pentecostal/Charismatic Engagement with the Greater Christian Community, with a Focus on North America** Presented by David Cole, PCCNA Liaison to the Greater Christian Community  **PCCNA Christian Unity Commission** In May of 2015, the PCCNA executive committee approved the formation and establishment of a commission that would assist in the facilitation and expansion of the work of promoting Christian unity among member denominations and organizations, and also between Pentecostal/Charismatic Christians and other members of the Body of Christ. A number of PCCNA organizations have appointed C**h**ristian Unity Liaisons, who serve as ambassadors on behalf of their Church families while cooperating in Christian unity efforts within and beyond the PCCNA. That group is gathering this week in conjunction with the PCCNA annual meeting, along with guests, to engage in the work of the Christian Unity Commission.

**Christian Unity Commission: 2019 participants, from various PCCNA organizations:**

\*Rev. David Cole—Open Bible Churches, Open Bible Faith Fellowship

Rev. David Daniels—Church of God in Christ

\*Rev. Harold D. Hunter—International Pentecostal Holiness Church

Rev. S. David Moore—International Church of the Foursquare Gospel

Rev. Frank Patrick—Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada

\*Rev. Cecil M. Robeck, Jr.—Assemblies of God

Rev. Chris Stevenson—Church of God

Rev. Anthony Suarez—National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference

(asterisk\* designates members of the Steering Committee of the Christian Unity Commission)

The Christian Unity Commission Steering has facilitated the planning of three workshops in 2019, focusing on three areas related to unity and reconciliation between Christians. Several members of the Commission are scheduled to participate, along with Christian leaders from around the world and representing various church families:

March 20, 2019 Memphis, TN PCCNA Christian Unity Commission Workshop

Theme: *Racial Reconciliation Manifesto*: 1994-2019

Moderator: David Moore (Foursquare)

Panel: David Daniels (COGIC), Tony Suarez (NHCLC), Mel Robeck (AOG), Harold Hunter (IPHC)

August 28, 2019 Calgary, AB Pentecostal World Conference, Christian Unity Workshop

Theme: Pentecostals and the Global Christian Forum

Moderator: Frank Patrick (PAOC)

Panel: David Han (COG), Casely Essamuah (Global Christian Forum), Harold Hunter (IPHC)

August 29, 2019 Calgary, AB Pentecostal World Conference, Christian Unity Workshop

Theme: Pentecostals and Bilateral/Multilateral Dialogues

Moderator: David Ramirez (COG)

Panel: Opoku Oninyah (COP, Ghana), Young Hoon Lee (Yoido Full Gospel, S. Korea), Mel Robeck (AOG)

Other activities and initiatives that include the involvement of our Pentecostal/Charismatic family:

The third **Global Christian Forum** (GCF) Global Gathering took place April 24-27, 2018 in Bogota, Columbia. The four “pillar” church families around which the GCF is organized are the Pentecostal World Fellowship, the World Evangelical Alliance, the World Council of Churches, and the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. Many North American Pentecostal leaders participated at the Bogota gathering including David Wells (Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada), David Han and Billy Wilson (Church of God), Mel Robeck (Assemblies of God USA), and Bishop Doug Beacham and Harold Hunter (International Pentecostal Holiness Church).

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**Christian Churches Together in the USA** October 2-5, 2018 in Wichita, Kansas, the annual CCT Convocation focused on the theme “Let’s Talk about Life.” Honest dialogue took place on issues related to life, poverty and racism, as leaders from Evangelical/Pentecostal, Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, and Racial/Ethnic churches from across the US gathered. Bishop Doug Beacham (IPHC) and Pastor Tony Suarez (NHCLC) serve on the CCTUSA Steering Committee. [www.christianchurchestogether.org](http://www.christianchurchestogether.org)

The **Canadian Catholic-Evangelical Dialogue**, co-sponsored by the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada and Catholic Council of Bishops, met again in May 2018 in Mississauga, ON. Frank Patrick represents the PAOC on the EFC team. This year’s focus was on the document “‘Scripture and Tradition’ and ‘the Church in Salvation’- A Report of the International Consultation between the Catholic Church and the World Evangelical Alliance (2009-2016).”

**International Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue** The International Catholic–Pentecostal Dialogue met July 12-18, 2019 in Springfield, MO. The meeting was co-chaired by Msgr. Juan Usma Gomez, Bureau Chief in the office of the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, and Rev. Cecil M. Robeck, Jr. from Fuller Theological Seminary. Other members of PCCNA member churches who participated in the Dialogue included Rev. David Cole (Open Bible Churches, USA/Open Bible Faith Fellowship, Canada), Rev. David Moore (Foursquare, USA), Rev. David Wells (Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada), and Rev. Chris Stevenson (Church of God). This meeting launched a new five-year phase of dialogue with the theme of “Praying, Believing (*lex orandi, lex credendi*).” Dialogue participants worshipped at Central Assembly of God Church and St. Agnes Cathedral, were hosted by Evangel University, toured the International Headquarters of the Assemblies of God and the Flower Pentecostal Heritage Center, and met with members of the local Springfield-area Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue.

The **Christian Leaders Fellowship** (CLF) met February 18-21, 2019 in Augusta, GA, hosted by the Alleluia Community, an ecumenical charismatic covenant community. David Cole (PCCNA) and Fr. Marcial Macaneiro (Brazil) shared a presentation concerning the current work of the International Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue. The CLF is the newly-named continuation of the Charismatic Concerns Committee, which was begun in the 1970s by Pentecostal and Charismatic leaders in order to provide a way for leaders to come together, seek the Lord, and work together on problems and challenges facing the churches of the Renewal. This year’s theme focused on unity, and included leaders from over a dozen nations, from Pentecostal, New Charismatic, Protestant Charismatic, Catholic Charismatic, Orthodox Charismatic, and Messianic Jewish communities.

The **National Leaders and Ministries Conference**, organized by the National Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (USA) was held November 9-11, 2018 in Dallas, TX, with the theme “If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze” (a quote of St. Catherine of Siena). David Cole (PCCNA) and Dan Almeter (Alleluia Community, Augusta, GA) shared a presentation on Ecumenism and Reconciliation, discussing growing unity and fellowship among Pentecostals, New Charismatic Churches, and Catholic Charismatics.

**Eastern Orthodox-Pentecostal Conversation**. Rev. Dr. Harold D. Hunter (IPHC) is the Pentecostal Co-chair of an ongoing informal conversation between the Ecumenical Patriarchate and Classical Pentecostals, which has been approved by the Pentecostal World Fellowship. These discussions began in 2010, and the most recent gathering of leaders and scholars took place in November 2018 at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** with special emphasis on unity between Christians takes place all over the world each year from January 18-25. It has been instrumental in gathering diverse groups of Christians together for prayer, Scripture reading, preaching, worship and fellowship. The theme for 2019 is *Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue* (cf. Deuteronomy 16:18-20), and was prepared by an interdenominational team from the nation of Indonesia.