**PENTECOSTAL/CHARISMATIC KOINONIA 2018: 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 (see list below), who serve as ambassadors on behalf of their Church families while cooperating in Christian unity efforts within and beyond the PCCNA. In addition to the work each Liaison does on behalf of Christian Unity throughout the year both individually and in communication with other Liaisons, they gather annually as a group as the PCCNA Christian Unity Commission, in conjunction with the PCCNA annual meeting.

**Currently appointed Christian Unity Liaisons from various PCCNA organizations:**

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Rev. Harold D. Hunter—International Pentecostal Holiness Church. [hdhpctii@gmail.com](mailto:hdhpctii@gmail.com)

Rev. Steven Land—Church of God. [sland@ptseminary.edu](mailto:sland@ptseminary.edu)

Rev. Frank Patrick—Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. [piper.patrick@icloud.com](mailto:piper.patrick@icloud.com)

Rev. Cecil M. Robeck, Jr.—Assemblies of God. [cmrobeck@fuller.edu](mailto:cmrobeck@fuller.edu)

Rev. Anthony Suarez—National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference. [tonysuarez@nhclc.org](mailto:tonysuarez@nhclc.org)

***We prayerfully anticipate the addition of more Christian Unity Liaisons from other PCCNA member churches!***

Activities and initiatives that merit the awareness and/or involvement of our Pentecostal/Charismatic family:

**PCCNA Liaison Involved in Canadian Unity Efforts** PCCNA Liaison Rev. Frank Patrick is a participant in the Evangelical-Catholic Dialogue, which is co-sponsored by the Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops and the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada. The dialogue has been ongoing for the past decade, and at its most recent semi-annual session on December 13, 2017 in Mississauga, ON, dialogue participants discussed questions relating to evangelization, vocation, and mission. The next meeting in May 2018 will focus on reflections from both caucuses related to tradition, Scripture, salvation and the Church.

**Christian Churches Together in the USA** Over the past decade several Pentecostal denominations and organizations have participated in this annual gathering and its interdenominational initiatives, most recently PCCNA Liaisons Rev. Harold D. Hunter and Rev. Anthony Suarez. Currently CCTUSA is sponsoring a Unity Declaration on Racism and Poverty, which appeals to all people, especially Christians, to actively work against racism and poverty. It notes that the “body of Christ is perhaps the most diverse racial community in the world.” For more information, go to [www.christianchurchestogether.org](http://www.christianchurchestogether.org).

**Evangelical-Catholic Dialogue in the USA** This dialogue has been active for the past decade, officially co-sponsored by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. The most recent meeting, took place in Bismarck, ND, October 19-21, 2017, and began a four-year series of conversations on The Moral Life. Pentecostal-Charismatic representatives from a number of church families have been involved.

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**Kairos 2017** PCCNA Liaison Rev. David Cole participated in a panel on “Unity and Diversity” at the October Kairos 2017 gathering of Pentecostals, Charismatics and Messianic Jewish believers in Kansas City, which focused on Unity and Renewal and commemorated the 40th anniversary of the great Kansas City Charismatic Conference of 1977. Other panelists were Dr. Billy Wilson, Rabbi Mark Kinzer, and Dr. Mary Healy.

**Society for Pentecostal Studies** The 47th annual meeting of SPS takes place March 8-10, 2018, in Cleveland, TN at Pentecostal Theological Seminary. This year’s annual meeting is being jointly sponsored by the Wesleyan Theological Society, and the theme is “The Good News of the Kingdom and the Poor in the Land.” [www.sps-usa.org](http://www.sps-usa.org).

**International Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue** The Vatican’s Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity is working with Pentecostals to launch a new phase of dialogue, around the theme of *Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi* (a Latin phrase pointing to the relationship between the way we worship and what we believe). The dialogue will focus on the role in the Christian life of such realities as Proclamation, Prayer, Worship, and Sacramentality. Among the participants in the previous phase of the Dialogue were PCCNA Liaisons Rev. Cecil M. Robeck, Jr., Rev. David Cole, and Rev. David Moore.

**International Lutheran-Pentecostal Dialogue** Representatives of the Lutheran World Federation and some Pentecostal churches and leaders held the second official meeting of the International Lutheran-Pentecostal Dialogue in Wittenberg, Germany, September 25-29, 2017. The subject chosen for this five-year Dialogue is focused around Luke 4:18-19. This year’s discussion was focused upon the meaning of “The Spirit of the Lord…has anointed me to proclaim….” The 2018 round of dialogue will be held in Latin America and it will focus on “the poor and the prosperity gospel.” Among the Pentecostal team members is PCCNA Liaison Rev. Cecil M. Robeck, Jr.

**International Reformed-Pentecostal Dialogue** Representatives of various classical Pentecostal churches and a delegation from the World Communion of Reformed Churches met at Alphacrucis College in Parramatta, Australia, December 1-5, 2017, under the theme “Ministering to the Needs of the World: Mission and Ecclesiology.” Among the Pentecostal team members from North America were PCCNA Liaisons Rev. Cecil M. Robeck, Jr. and Rev. Harold D. Hunter, along with Rev. David Daniels from the Church of God in Christ.

**Eastern Orthodox-Classical Pentecostal Talks** This conversation convened November 17, 2017 at the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Boston, MA. It is a resumption of talks hosted in 2010 by the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople and approved by the Pentecostal World Fellowship that continued for three years. Co-chairs for the current talks are Dr. Harold D. Hunter and Dr. Brandon Gallaher. Members of the Pentecostal team are Bishop David Daniels, Dr. Daniela Augustine, Dr. Veli-Matti Karkkainen, and Dr. Dale Coulter. The talks will continue at the November 2018 AAR annual conference in Denver.

**Wittenberg Luther Garden**. The “Luthergarten” in Wittenberg is an ecumenical project of the Lutheran World Federation. “500 years of Reformation – 500 trees in Wittenberg” – this project is an expression of the world-wide influence of the Reformation and its importance for the Christian faith in history and presence. Churches and ecclesial institutions across the Christian traditions have been invited to plant trees. The deeper purpose of the “tree garden” is to give a living symbol of the Christian churches growing towards Christian unity. PCCNA is considering a proposal to plant a tree in the Garden on behalf of North American Pentecostal churches.