

About the Canadian Council of Churches:

Unity in Diversity: Listening and Learning Together in Christ

The Canadian Council of Churches, established in 1944, is the broadest ecumenical bodies in the world. Bringing together 25 Christian denominations from the Anglican, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Evangelical, Eastern and Oriental Orthodox traditions, and representing more than 85% of the Christians in Canada, the Council operates in a consensus model that values our unity in diversity in Jesus Christ.

The Council provides a forum for consultation, co-operation and common witness among member churches. The churches themselves bring to the forum their projects and concerns; the forum offers a way for churches to work together, acknowledging and welcoming both the unity they share as Christians and their fidelity and witness to their own particular traditions.

The Commission on Faith and Witness engages the member churches in theological dialogue and study in order to deepen understanding of the faith they hold in common and to provide an ecumenical witness to Christ's mission in the world. The *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* Writing Team is a project of the Commission on Faith and Witness.

The Commission on Justice and Peace provides a forum for sharing information and concerns among those involved in ecumenical work on peace and social justice in Canada and the world. It facilitates biblical and theological reflection and cooperation of the churches on related active witness. The commission's focus includes poverty in Canada, human trafficking, biotechnology and participation in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The Canadian Council of Churches is also a founding member of the Canadian Interfaith Conversation.

Recent publications of the Canadian Council of Churches include

- *Human Trafficking in Canada: A Leadership and Learning Kit for Churches*. Second edition, with revised French translation, Human Trafficking Working Group of the Commission on Justice and Peace, 2013.

- *Comments and Perspectives on Religious Freedom*, Forum on Faith and Public Life, 2013.
- *When Christian Faith and Genetics Meet. A Practical Group Resource*, Biotechnology Reference Group, 2012.
- *Cracking Open White Identity Towards Transformation: Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network Examines White Identity, Power and Privilege*, Canadian Council of Churches, 2012.
- *The Bruised Reed: A Christian Reflection on Suffering and Hope*, Commission on Faith and Witness, 2009.
- *Liturgies for Christian Unity: The First Hundred Years, 1908–2008*, Commission on Faith and Witness, 2008.
- *Becoming Human: Theological Anthropology in an Age of Engineering Life*, 2004, published by the Commission on Faith and Witness; Companion to *Life: Patent Pending*, published by the Biotechnology Reference Group, 2003.

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