


SUMMER 2022 UPDATE

# PCCNA CHRISTIAN UNITY COMMISSION

*by PCCNA Chairperson, David Cole*





Your PCCNA Christian Unity Commission Liaisons have not been spending the summer months on a long holiday! On your behalf, since our annual gathering in February, our Liaisons have been involved in multiple initiatives of significance regarding unity and cooperation in the larger body of Christ. Here are highlights of activities in which our members are engaged, both in North America and internationally:

**Rev. Frank Patrick (Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada)**

- Participated in a four-day conversation at the Canadian Council of Churches meetings held at St. Paul University in Ottawa in May.
- Led an ecumenical (Roman Catholic/Protestant) Sunday service in July for military veterans from across Canada who had attended a dedication service that he had conducted two days earlier at the new Peacekeepers Memorial in Peterborough, Ontario.
- Is scheduled to attend the Roman Catholic-Evangelical Dialogue retreat in Mississauga in November.
- Is scheduled to attend another four-day gathering with the Canadian Council of Churches in Ottawa in December.

**Rev. Harold Hunter (International Pentecostal Holiness Church)**

- Was the honored recipient of the 2022 Society for Pentecostal Studies Lifetime Achievement Award with an emphasis on his work in ecumenism on March 26, 2022.
- Engaged in a private audience with His All Holiness Bartholomew I, Ecumenical Patriarch of the Eastern Orthodox Church, in Istanbul on April 22, 2022.
- Made a presentation, entitled "Climate Responsible Finance—A Moral Imperative Toward Children," on behalf of the Pentecostal World Fellowship at a joint World Council of Churches/United Nations Environment Programme online seminar on May 20, 2022.
- Participated in a Faith and Order meeting of the National Council of Churches USA on May 21, 2022.
- Presented "Ecumenism and the Proliferation of Churches in Africa," for the Centre for African Christian Spirituality (Ghana) Webinar on June 11, 2022.

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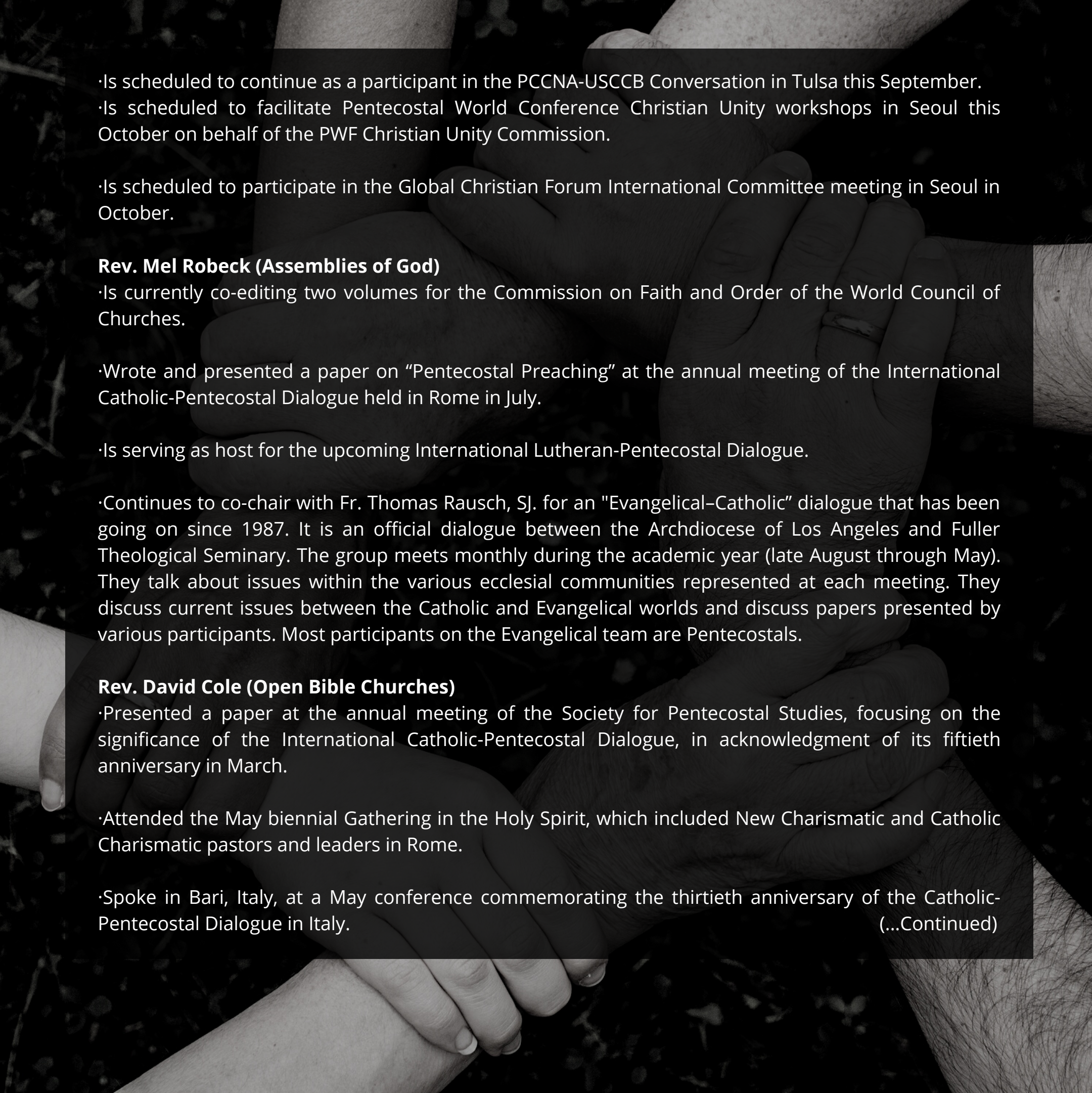
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- Presented "A Call to Action for Pentecostal Ecology Activists: Moving Toward a PWF Task Force" at the European Pentecostal Theological Society meeting in Warsaw Poland on July 4, 2022.
  - Presented "A Healing of God's Sick Creation" at a Church of God of Prophecy General Assembly Theological Forum in Oklahoma City on July 21, 2022.
  - Is scheduled to be a Delegated Observer at the World Council of Churches General Assembly in Karlsruhe, Germany, and organizer of a session about "Pentecostal Ecotheology from the Margins" from August 31–September 8, 2022.
  - Is scheduled to continue his role as co-chair at the next meeting of the PCCNA and US Conference of Catholic Bishops Exploratory Dialogue to be hosted in Tulsa by Oral Roberts University from September 14–16, 2022.
  - Has organized the Pentecostal World Fellowship Christian Unity Commission workshop, entitled "Pentecostal Ecological Voices from Around the World." The PWF workshop is scheduled at Yoido Full Gospel Church, Seoul, South Korea in October 2022.

**Rev. David Han (Church of God, Cleveland TN)**

- Provided leadership (along with Nathan Smith of Glenmary Home Missioners) for a new Catholic-Pentecostal Forum for Ministry Practitioners in the state of Tennessee on the campus of Pentecostal Theological Seminary in Cleveland, Tennessee, this past April, co-sponsored by the Global Christian Forum.
- Participated in a Global Christian Forum International Committee meeting, which engaged in planning for the next GCF Global Gathering, this past April.
- Participated in the inaugural meeting of the International Pentecostal-Anglican Commission, which took place in Rapid City, South Dakota, this past June.
- Will attend the World Council of Churches General Assembly in Germany this August–September as a member of the Pentecostal World Fellowship delegation.

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·Is scheduled to continue as a participant in the PCCNA-USCCB Conversation in Tulsa this September.  
·Is scheduled to facilitate Pentecostal World Conference Christian Unity workshops in Seoul this October on behalf of the PWF Christian Unity Commission.

·Is scheduled to participate in the Global Christian Forum International Committee meeting in Seoul in October.

**Rev. Mel Robeck (Assemblies of God)**

·Is currently co-editing two volumes for the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches.

·Wrote and presented a paper on "Pentecostal Preaching" at the annual meeting of the International Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue held in Rome in July.

·Is serving as host for the upcoming International Lutheran-Pentecostal Dialogue.

·Continues to co-chair with Fr. Thomas Rausch, SJ. for an "Evangelical-Catholic" dialogue that has been going on since 1987. It is an official dialogue between the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and Fuller Theological Seminary. The group meets monthly during the academic year (late August through May). They talk about issues within the various ecclesial communities represented at each meeting. They discuss current issues between the Catholic and Evangelical worlds and discuss papers presented by various participants. Most participants on the Evangelical team are Pentecostals.

**Rev. David Cole (Open Bible Churches)**

·Presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, focusing on the significance of the International Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue, in acknowledgment of its fiftieth anniversary in March.

·Attended the May biennial Gathering in the Holy Spirit, which included New Charismatic and Catholic Charismatic pastors and leaders in Rome.

·Spoke in Bari, Italy, at a May conference commemorating the thirtieth anniversary of the Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue in Italy.

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·Attended the July annual session in Rome of the International Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue, which focused on the role that Preaching/Kerygma plays in the Christian life.

·Participated in a Better Roads podcast in July with Open Bible Churches president Randall Bach, about unity in the body of Christ.

·Is scheduled to attend and speak at the annual Missao Somos Um (We Are One Mission) September conference being held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. This is a gathering of pastors, leaders, and theologians from across Latin America to encourage unity among Evangelical, Catholic, and Pentecostal believers.

·Is scheduled to serve on a panel focused on unity in the Body of Christ, at the Pentecostal World Conference in Seoul, South Korea in October.

**Note:** In addition to CUC members Mel Robeck and David Cole, PCCNA representation at the International Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue in Rome included David Wells (Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada) and Dale Coulter and Marcia Clarke (Church of God, Cleveland, TN). CUC Liaison Rev. David Moore (Foursquare) is also a regular member of the Pentecostal dialogue team.

The PCCNA Christian Unity Commission meets annually in conjunction with the PCCNA annual meeting. Christian Unity Liaisons from each church family gather along with invited guests who are interested in or working in areas related to unity in the Body of Christ. We encourage any PCCNA church family that has not yet appointed someone to represent them as a Liaison to the Christian Unity Commission to do so. For more information, please feel free to contact CUC Steering Committee members David Cole, Harold Hunter, or Mel Robeck.



*Members of the PCCNA/USCCB  
Conversation Teams*



*Participants in the Christian Forum event  
at Pentecostal Theological Seminary*



*Participants in the International  
Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue*