

Christian Churches Together in the USA
2018 Annual Convocation

October 3-5, 2018

Spiritual Life Center
Wichita, Kansas

Theme: "Let's Talk About Life"

Tuesday, October 2

1:00 PM Head of Communion/organizations

6:00 PM HC/O Dinner

Wednesday, October 3

8:00 AM HC/O Breakfast

9:00 Head of Communion/organizations Gathering

11:00 New attendee's orientation

12:00 HC/O Lunch

2:00 PM Opening of Convocation

Welcome – Archbishop Vicken Aykazian & Carlos Malave

Keynote: A Church that Raises Above Hate and Divisions

Rev. Casely Essamuah, Executive Secretary Global Christian Forum

3:00 Sharing of our faith journeys & praying together

Leader: Proto Deacon Sergei Capral

4:00 Break

4:15 Session 1: A Gospel of Life

Facilitator: Ms. Donna Grimes

Catholic – Mr. Jake Samour, *Director of Marriage & Family Life, Diocese of Wichita.*

Historic Black – Elder Cassandry Keys, *Christian Methodist Episcopal Church 7th District (SC, NC, VA)*

5:00 Small Groups Dialogue (1 hr) What did I hear? Did I learn something I didn't know from a tradition different than mine? Is it possible to find common ground among the tradition's positions?

6:00 Dinner (50 min.) (At 6:50 pm leave for Cathedral)

7:15 Orthodox Family presentation and vespers
St. George Orthodox Cathedral
Speaker: Very Reverend Father Joseph Huneycutt – “Life Illumined”

Thursday, October 4

7:30 AM Breakfast

8:30 Morning Prayers African American Family

9:00 Session 2: A Gospel of Life
Facilitator: Fr. David Barr
Evangelical/Pentecostal: Bishop Doug Beacham, Superintendent IPHC
Historic Protestant: Dr. Rob Wilson-Black, *Chief Executive Officer Sojourners*
Organizations: Bread, Habitat (7 mins each)

10:00 Small Groups Dialogue (See previous session questions)

11:00 Break

11:30 What have we heard – and/or Reports on Conversations/Questions
Open mic (2 mins per speaker)
Facilitator: Rev. David Guthrie

12:30 Lunch

1:30 PM Introduction of Unity Declaration on Racism and Poverty
Facilitator: Angelique Walker-Smith
Keynote: Rev. Barbara William-Skinner
Rev. Jim Wallis (brief response)

2:30 Small groups Conversation Unity Declaration on Racism and Poverty

Recommendations on how the communions/denominations can become more involved in the promotion/advocacy/education on the issue of race and poverty. What are our communions/denominations doing about the issues raised in the document? How can our communions/denominations use this statement? What can each participant do to respond to these issues?

3:30 Break

3:45 Family meetings: election of steering committee members, discussion vision statement draft, other.

6:00 Dinner - Recognize new participant: Zomi Baptist Churches

7:00 Tell me what is happening (a time for short updates on ecumenical bodies, organizations, important events and celebrations, etc.)

8:00 Evening Prayers– Evangelical/Pentecostal Family

Friday, October 5

- 7:30 AM Breakfast
- 8:30 Morning Prayers - Historic Protestant Family
- 9:00 Business Session
CCT Executive Director Report
Report on finances (budget, dues)
Election of Steering Committee members
Other business
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Reports Unity Declaration Small Groups:
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Facilitator: Rev. Angelique Walker Smith
- 11:15 Closing Reflections on what we have heard during our time together.
Each family will have one person that will report on what he or she have heard during our time together. (10 mins per family.)
Facilitator: Rev. Monica Schaap Pierce
- Noon Closing Prayers – Catholic Family

Safe Travels