
FROM SPLITTING TO UNITY – PENTECOSTALS IN COOPERATION

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EDINBURGH 1910 AND PENTECOSTALISM

- The challenge of Jonathan Coforth:
”Brethren, the Spirit of God is with us still. Pentecost is yet within our grasp.”
Pentecostalism just emerged in that time.
 - ”...Pentecostalism in its various forms has changed the landscape of Christianity...” (McGee)
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PENTECOSTALS HAVE AFFECTED TO THE CHANGE OF THE GRAVITY OF THE CHRISTIANITY

- Pentecostals in Brazil started by zero in 1910, now over 15 million

- Finnish Pent. missionaries started in Ethiopia in 1951, now over 2,5 million Pentecostals

- Nordic countries Pentecostals started in Eastern and Central Africa in 1930ies, now c. 4 million Pentecostals in those churches

PENTECOSTAL-CHARISMATICS IN THE WORLD

- Over 600 million all together (Barrett, 2010)
 - Classical Pentecostals about the third of them (215 mill./1998, Synan)
 - 11 000 Pentecostal denominations, 3000 independant Charismatic denominations (Barrett,1988)
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PENTECOSTAL UNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Pentecostal World Fellowship (PWF) (at first Conference) since 1947
 - World Assemblies of God Fellowship (WAGF) developed from the "Decade of Harvest" – vision since 1989, now over 61 million people, over 130 denominations
 - Pentecostal European Fellowship (PEF) since 1987 (predecessors EPF and PEC since 1960ies)
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PENTECOSTAL MISSION COOPERATION

- Pentecostal European Mission (PEM) since 1991 as a branch of the PEF
 - Pentecostal Asian Mission (PAM) since middle of 1990ies
 - World Missions Commission (WMC) of the Pentecostal World Fellowship (PWF) since 2005
 - Mission committee (by name "Acts 1:8") of the World Assemblies of God Fellowship (WAGF) since 2009
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WORLD MISSIONS COMMISSION/PWF

- To connect the Pentecostal mission executives all over the world (intranet)
 - To provide exchange of the information between the Pentecostal mission organizations
 - To provide tools for the contemporary missionary work, best practices and missiological expertise exchange etc.
 - To foster cooperation and to demolish unnecessary overlappings
 - To promote holistic approach in the missions
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WMC STRUCTURE/Executive committee

- Chairman: Dr. Arto Hämäläinen, Finland,
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 - Vice-chairman: pastor Asa Kain, Bangladesh
 - Secretary: mission director Brad Walz, Argentine
(USA)
 - Member at large: Dr. Lazarus Chakwera, Malawi
 - Missiological advisor: Dr. Grant McClung, USA
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FUTURE QUESTIONS

- How to promote the awareness about the Pentecostal unity structures?
 - How to utilize the Pentecostal unity to the practical fulfilment of the GC?
 - How to develop connections between the Pentecostal and charismatic mission enterprises?
 - How to build the theological foundation for the stronger Pentecostal/C. cooperation?
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