



THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
Department for External Church Relations

Meeting of the Board of the Christian Inter-confessional Consultative Committee



On November 24, 2021, the Board of the Christian Inter-confessional Consultative Committee (CICC) met at the assembly hall of the Ss Cyril and Methodius Institute for Post-Graduate and Doctoral Studies. The Board is the governing body of the CICC functioning in periods between the CCIC plenary sessions.

The meeting was attended by Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate and co-chairman of the CICC; Archbishop Paul Pezzi, ordinary of the Archdiocese of the Mother of God in Moscow; Archbishop Dietrich Brauer, Archbishop of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Russia, co-chairman of the CCIC; Archpriest Gevorg Vardanian, a cleric of the Armenian Apostolic Church's diocese of Russia and Novo-Nakhichevan; Presiding Bishop S. V. Ryakhovsky, Russian United Fellowship of Christians of the Evangelical Faith (Pentecostals); P. V. Mitskevich, chairman of the Russian Union of the Evangelical Christians-Baptists; I. I. Borichevsky, head of the Administration of the Presiding Bishop of the Russian Church of the Christians of the Evangelical Faith; O. Yu. Goncharov, first vice-chairman of the Euro-Asian Division of the General Conference of the Church of the Christians-Adventists of the Seventh-Day; Hieromonk Stephan (Igumnov), DECR secretary for inter-Christian relations and secretary of the CCIC; V. V. Ignatenkov, first vice-chairman of the Russian Church of the Evangelical Christians-Baptists; D. D. Shatrov, deputy presiding bishop of the Russian United Fellowship of Christians of the Evangelical Faith (Pentecostals); Hierodeacon Peter (Akhmatkhanov), a DECR staff member.

Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk made introductory remarks outlining the agenda. He was followed by the CCIC co-chairmen Archbishop Paul Pezzi and Archbishop Dietrich Brauer, who briefly greeted the gathering.

Metropolitan Hilarion stressed the importance of the Joint Statement published earlier in support of Christians in Finland who are defending Christian family values.

The participants discussed matters concerning the work of the CCIC in the inter-plenary period and approved the nomination made by the Board members from the Protestant Churches. E. A. Grabovenko, presiding bishop of the Russian Church of Christians of the Evangelical Faith, was nominated as the CCIC co-chairman for the next period. The meeting expressed common gratitude to Archbishop Dietrich Brauer for the work he carried out as the CCIC co-chairman.

After the meeting, the members of the Board took part in the presentation of the audio-Bible project, which was implemented by the Book Chamber in the Chernigov Brothers Metochion under the guidance of Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk.

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