

Final Declaration of the Congress

During the Congress, “Respectful Mission” held in Berlin on the 27 and 28 August 2014, we gratefully received the inspiration contained in the ecumenical document “Christian Witness in a Multi-Religious World”, and urgently recommend continued engagement with this document.

The code of conduct recommendations within are especially relevant, since in many places on the earth tensions are growing between groups of different religious persuasions.

We declare our conviction that there can be no alternative to peaceful co-existence between religions.

This demands of us as Christians, an inviting profession of our faith, respectful attention to persons of other faiths, and solidarity with those who are denied the expression of their religious beliefs.

Persons of differing or of no particular religious faith must all together and with determination resist those who misuse religion to stir up political and social conflicts or persecute those of different beliefs.

The Congress has demonstrated that this broad-based engagement with the document is helpful for a deepened solidarity in our Christian witness.

We are encouraged by the many discernments that we share together, despite our differing ecclesial backgrounds.

We are full of confidence about remaining together in fruitful dialogue, even over contentious positions.

The fundamentals, principles and conclusions described in the document should furthermore be made talking points at all possible levels of church life.

**The Participants of the Respectful Mission Congress:
Christian Witness in a Multi-Religious World**

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