



“Let unity be  
our polar star.”

— Barton W. Stone

Unity defines who we are  
as a community of faith

### Scripture says...

“...that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

— John 17:23 (NRSV)

### Our Disciples founder says...

“The church of Christ upon earth is essentially, intentionally, and constitutionally one.”

— Thomas Campbell, *Declaration and Address*

As the current “statement of  
Identity” affirms, Christian unity calls us  
to live into the wholeness of God.

“We are a movement for wholeness in a  
fragmented world. As part of one body of Christ,  
we welcome all to the Lord’s Table as God has  
welcomed us.”



## A Word from the President

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. As you continue bearing God’s call for Christian unity in this fragmented world, I pray that God has accompanied you every day with grace and peace and with strength and courage.

I have been serving as President of the Council on Christian Unity since April 2016, and I am honored and humbled to serve the Council and the Disciples of Christ in this capacity.

As the ecumenical officer of the church, I represent the Disciples of Christ in a rich variety of ecumenical involvements and arenas.

Also, I understand that my role for the church is to help our leaders and congregations understand what it means to live peacefully with other interreligious neighbors.

Becoming a voice of unity is not easy, especially in today’s context. But we, as a community of faith, clearly understand that it is our calling from God, so we will continue this somewhat prophetic journey. As we journey together, I assure that I stand ready to be of help to you and your congregation. Please feel free to contact me by U.S. mail, email, or phone.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Seung Un (Paul) Tche





Catholic and Disciples Commission for Dialogue, 2016

## Pursuing the vision of Unity

The CCU has committed to find ways to be a movement for unity, and here is how:

- **Local and Regional Initiatives** in common witness and mission
- **Dialogues and Partnerships** with the United Church of Christ (UCC), Stone-Campbell streams, the Churches Uniting in Christ (CUIC), Alliance of Baptists, Christian Churches Together in the USA (CCT), the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC), and the Global Christian Forum
- **Overseeing participation in Councils of Churches**, including the World Council of Churches (WCC), the National Council of Churches (NCCCUSA), and the Canadian Council of Churches (CCC)
- **International Dialogue** with Roman Catholic Church
- **Ecumenical Formation and Education**, especially for youth, young adults and seminarians.
- **Publication and Lectureships** on Christian Unity



WCC Central Committee Meeting, Trondheim, Norway, 2016

## Two Initiatives

Our call to be a movement for unity requires us to theologically reflect on the time and the space in which we live. Upon our reflection on today's world, the CCU has taken two initiatives:

### Becoming a Just Peace-Making Church

How can we say that we are a movement for wholeness without addressing issues that hinder our unity? By walking together and working with others in unity, we can overcome injustices of the broken world.

### Interfaith Engagement

In today's world, interfaith encounters are inevitable. In this light, we, as Christians, are faced with vital questions on a daily basis as we reflect on what the teachings of our faith say about how to understand and be in community with our many neighbors of different religions.

The CCU is linking together existing efforts on the local level and seeking to understand what it means to live in an interreligious context and world.

## Who We Are

**The Council on Christian Unity (CCU)** is a general ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the US and Canada, working with congregations, regions, colleges, seminaries, and other general ministries to encourage their partnership in our church's effort in the movement for unity of all Christians as a sign of God's love for the world.

### Committed to be a movement for unity for the sake of the world

Our unity is in Jesus Christ, not in structures or theological agreement, but in the love of God offered to us and to the world in Jesus Christ.

Christian unity is not for its own sake; it is for the sake of bringing hope, justice, and reconciliation to the world.

Unity begins at the Table where we are made one in Christ. Unity, at its core, is sacramental.

Unity is not uniformity: not in theology, not in belief, not in practice. Unity means seeking oneness in Christ. Thus, unity will be live out with a great deal of diversity.

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