

5. Report of the Delegates to Christian Churches Together

When Christian Churches Together in the USA (CCT) was founded in 2005, the theological differences between the participants were clear. But the friendships borne out of these new relationships began to positively affect the church's life in our country.

Today, in the midst of profound divisions in the church and nation, those relationships are bearing fruit. Through CCT, faith communions and national Christian organizations are rising above human divisions and witnessing to the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In 2020, CCT fostered honest dialogue about the church's failures in addressing issues of racial justice and reconciliation, hunger, and poverty, while also highlighting successes and hopes. In partnership with its member organizations, CCT advocated in the halls of Congress for "the least of these," while seeking to cross divides of politics, race, and class.

At the October annual forum, held virtually because of the pandemic, approximately 70 participants focused on racial justice in America through the theme "A Call To Do Justly, Love Mercy, and Walk Humbly," based on Micah 6:8.

CCT's Latino Network and Missions Network provided a creative space for denominational staff to learn from each other's experiences and engage in theological and missiological dialogue. Because of the challenges posed by the pandemic, the network expanded its reach, hosting regular calls with some 50 Latino leaders to work together on issues affecting the Latino community.

Because of continuing financial challenges and the effects of the pandemic, the steering committee made the difficult decision to reduce the executive director position to half-time. This action will allow CCT to continue its ministry with more stable finances.

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