Roman Catholic – Lutheran Dialogue

Dialogue partner | Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity

Dialogue body | Lutheran-Catholic Commission on Unity

History

Contacts established between the LWF and the Roman Catholic Church during the Second Vatican Council led to the formation of the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Working Group, which met in 1965 and 1966. The working group agreed that it was important to enter into comprehensive dialogue about the basic issues that separate and unite the two churches.

Following the official endorsement of the working group's recommendation by the LWF and the Roman Catholic Church, the Joint Lutheran-Roman Catholic Study Commission met for the first time in 1967.

Key Themes

* Gospel
* Church
* Eucharist
* Ministry
* Justification
* Apostolicity of the Church
* Baptism

International Dialogue Milestones

Published reports of the international Lutheran-Roman Catholic dialogue

**Phase I (1967-1972)**

1972 | [The Gospel and the Church (Malta report)](http://www.prounione.urbe.it/dia-int/l-rc/doc/e_l-rc_malta.html)

**Phase II (1973-1984)**

1978 | [The Eucharist](http://www.prounione.urbe.it/dia-int/l-rc/doc/e_l-rc_eucharist.html)

1980 | [All Under One Christ](http://www.prounione.urbe.it/dia-int/l-rc/doc/e_l-rc_onechrist.html)

1980 | [Ways to Community](http://www.prounione.urbe.it/dia-int/l-rc/doc/e_l-rc_way.html)

1981 | [The Ministry in the Church](http://www.prounione.urbe.it/dia-int/l-rc/doc/e_l-rc_ministry.html)

1983 | [Martin Luther – Witness to Christ](http://www.prounione.urbe.it/dia-int/l-rc/doc/e_l-rc_luther.html)

1984 | [Facing Unity – Models, Forms and Phases of Catholic-Lutheran Church Fellowship](http://www.prounione.urbe.it/dia-int/l-rc/doc/e_l-rc_facing.html)

**Phase III (1986-1993)**

1993 | [Church and Justification](http://www.prounione.urbe.it/dia-int/l-rc/doc/e_l-rc_church.html)

**Phase IV (1995-2006)**

1999 | [The Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification](http://www.prounione.urbe.it/dia-int/l-rc/doc/e_l-rc_just.html)

2006 | [The Apostolicity of the Church](http://www.prounione.urbe.it/dia-int/l-rc/doc/e_l-rc_ap-01.html)

**Phase V (2009-present)**

2012 | [From Conflict to Communion: Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017](http://www.lutheranworld.org/content/resource-conflict-communion-basis-lutheran-catholic-commemoration-reformation-2017) -  Published by the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Commission on Unity in the context of the 2017 commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, and the 50th anniversary of dialogue between Lutherans and Catholics