

A Statement by Pentecostal Participants
At the Edinburgh 2010 Centennial Celebration
Edinburgh, Scotland, 2-6 June 2010

We acknowledge the historical significance of Edinburgh 1910 and rejoice that we have been counted among those gathered together in Edinburgh 2-6 June 2010 to mark the centennial.

The twentieth century gave clear testimony that although we were not in attendance at Edinburgh 1910, we have taken our rightful place on the landscape of contemporary Christianity. We would like to express our gratitude to those who prepared and participated in the Edinburgh 2010 conference and for giving us the opportunity to be able to affirm the significance of the global mission call joining a diverse fellowship of believers in Christ.

As Pentecostal delegates we participated at Edinburgh 2010 in the nine themes as well as on all levels of the study processes. We have shared issues and concerns. We listened, prayed and learned together, with an attitude of love and respect, building bridges rather than creating chasms, divisions and barriers. We affirm the divine mission mandate to reconcile the whole of God's creation in Christ and do this across denominational and confessional lines. We are to engage in effective witnessing the Good News of Jesus Christ to all parts of the world, in the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God. This vision reflects the heart of God and belongs to the very nature of the Church.

We appreciate that Pentecostals are recognized in a positive way. At the same time we leave with the challenge to find fuller expressions of global Pentecostalism in an ecumenical context. We also noticed a disparity of the language used and concerns expressed between the Global North and Global South. We must be careful that the academic voices of the North do not wash away the narrative claims of the South. As Pentecostals we are acquainted with both linguistic traditions, we realize that we can play an important role as bridge builders. This would truly benefit the whole Body of Christ. Furthermore, we are deeply aware that Christians need the help of the Holy Spirit. Through the Spirit's guidance and empowerment we will be able to answer God's mandate to the world.

We humbly acknowledge that it is God who has the last word. Issues that relate to mission and unity should not drift into intellectual maneuverings. It must be the prayer of all people of God, wherever they are, to hear what the Spirit has to say to the churches so that we can turn to God and our common call can be, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Pentecostal Delegates

Rev. Dr. Miguel Alvarez, USA, Mr. Kenneth Ben, Cook Islands, Dr. Cheryl Bridges Johns, USA, Dr. David Daniels, USA, Dr. Anne Dyer, UK, Mrs. Dynnice Rosanne Engcoy, Philippines, Dr. Samson Fatokun, Nigeria, Dr. Pamela Holmes, Rev. Dr. Harold D. Hunter, USA, Rev. Dr. Veli Matti Kärkkäinen, Finland, Dr. Elijah Jong Fil Kim, USA, Rev. Steven K.L. Kum, Malaysia, Dr. Julie Ma, Korea, Dr. Wonsuk Ma, Korea, Rev. Rauno Mikkonen, Finland, Apostle Dr. Opoku Onyinah, Ghana, Rev. Philippe Ouedraogo, Burkina Faso, Rev. Dr. Tavita Pagaialii, Samoa, Dr. Jean-Daniel Plüss, Switzerland, Rev. Dr. Daniel Ramirez, USA, Dr. Elisabeth Del Carmen Salazar-Sanzana, Chile, Rev. Bal Krishna Sharma, Nepal.