



**Come Holy Spirit,
heal and reconcile!**

Report of the WCC Conference on World Mission
and Evangelism, Athens, Greece, May 2005



This is the report of the Conference on World Mission and Evangelism (CWME) which met near Athens, Greece in May 2005.

From the introduction by CWME moderator Ruth Bottoms:

"Much thinking, praying and planning went into preparations for the Conference. The thematic focus on healing and reconciliation was chosen in August 2001.

Little did we know how pertinent it would be; the world remains a place where there is conflict and terror; as churches, too often we are still divided in our witness to the good news; globalization continues to impact communities... Into such a world, God comes, sending his Son, who in turn sends us empowered by the Spirit.

For me, one of the great gifts and joys of the Conference was that by the grace of God the Spirit built community among participants over our days together. Given the wide range of people represented, with a Roman Catholic delegation fully participating as well as those from Pentecostal and evangelical churches and movements not necessarily in membership of the World Council of Churches, this in itself was significant.

For those who were present, we hope this volume will act as an aide-mémoire; for those who were not present, we hope it gives something of the flavour of the Conference and its content; for those who ask of the ecumenical movement where it is in its thinking about mission, we hope it provides a snapshot."



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