

## The General Council of Edinburgh 2010

The General Council of Edinburgh 2010 has met on a number of occasions throughout this Conference.

- 1) They express deep gratitude to God for bringing us, in such diversity, to this point of “encounter in mission” in Edinburgh.
- 2) They acknowledge the huge contribution made by many people, institutions and churches, in the years of preparation for this event, including the work of the Executive Committee and all the staff.
- 3) In particular, they recognise the contribution made by the International Director, Dr Daryl Balia. He has been unable to be present at the conference, while a process involving him and the University, as his employer, runs its course.
- 4) The Council recognise that, as in 1910, there is much richness, complexity and challenge involved in bringing together so many people, ideas, streams of thought and study – all across the divides of language, culture and denomination. That this process and this meeting are already releasing so many new streams of energy is a testimony to the power of the Spirit amongst us.
- 5) The Council plan a full evaluation of the Edinburgh 2010 journey later in the year. Members of the Conference will be invited to offer their feedback and response in such a way that lessons can be learned, and the Council will be reflecting deeply on where it has succeeded and where it has failed. So it is “in humility and hope” we pray that the outcomes both of the conference and the study process can inspire and encourage us to engage our churches around the world, and take forward our common task of “witnessing to Christ today”.