

Charta for ecumenical relations

We, the Celtic Church of Germany and its sister churches as well as all with us connected churches and the listed churches explain the following:

1. One body of Christ:

we accept ecumenical relations to other Christian churches if these churches view themselves as part of the one Catholic, holy and apostolic church and accept each other as such.

2. Acceptance of the seven ecumenical councils:

we agree to the seven ecumenical councils and accept differences in understanding and acceptance of ordination of women, coed communities, arty nations of priests and married priests and the veneration of pictures between us and other Orthodox and Catholic churches.

3. Ordination of women in the church:

we are not against ordination of women, even if we do not practice ordination of women in our church

4. Restricted admittance to the holy Eucharist:

we accept the understanding of the admittance to the holy Eucharist, that our Lord Jesus Christ installed for all baptized Christians, who ask for it in humility, despite of previous marriage, sexual orientation or denomination.

5. Acceptance of the seven sacraments, especially the Eucharist and the baptism:

we understand the seven sacraments of the Catholic and Orthodox churches as the basis of the one Catholic, holy and apostolic church, especially we claim the baptism and the Eucharist as a common and equal accepted sacrament.

- a) The Eucharist is in the Orthodox and Catholic understanding the true body and blood of Christ, the Eucharist has to be performed by a, according to the canons of the church/community, elected or ordained priests.
- b) The baptism has to be Trinitarian: douse with water three times in the name of the father, the son and the Holy Spirit, permitted by the church, performed by a faithful member.

6. Acceptance of autocephaly all the churches and communities:

we accept the titles, the offices, liturgies and the Canon of these churches as binding 40s churches, without any impact for the other, signing churches. Every signing churches is autocephal, besides to respect each other's traditions.

7. Acceptance of the ternary office:

the understanding of the clergy as tannery office (deacon, priest, bishop) is followed, as installed as the basic tradition of the church, the priests as follower of the apostles, their servants and faithful form together one body of Christ.

8. Efforts for interreligious relationships:

interreligious efforts are welcomed, but have to be on the bases of the acceptance of human rights of the UN Charta

The acceptance of this document defines our church/community as part of this ecumenical movement. We will publish this Charta as sign of acceptance on our Website and send a copy to the other signing churches

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