



## ICC's Core Objectives 2006–2009

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- 1) To be an ecumenical instrument facilitating its member churches to pray, witness and act together on this island by:
  - deepening the fellowship and common life in Christ among member churches at local, regional, national and international levels;
  - encouraging bilateral and multilateral ecumenical actions among member churches;
  - seeking to stimulate ways of more effective witness
  - relating to other Christian communities throughout Ireland
- 2) To be a resource for all member churches, and particularly for the smaller ones, to facilitate dialogue with:
  - non-member churches throughout the island of Ireland
  - Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI)
  - Conference of European Churches (CEC), World Council of Churches and other international ecumenical structures
  - civil society in general, including with other faiths
- 3) To identify and encourage local ecumenical, inter-church and other Christian networks
- 4) To provide safe spaces for dialogue and encounter on difficult and/or contentious issues within and between member churches
- 5) To address those matters that cannot be accommodated in the structures of the Irish Inter-Church Meeting (IICM):
  - ICC is a registered charity with its own AGM, is a legal employer, is an associate member of CTBI & CEC, has oversight of a Board of Overseas Affairs, manages the Inter-Church centre and appoints ICC representatives to various bodies.
  - IICM is an ecumenical forum which meets every 12-18 months, has a Committee that meets quarterly to oversee its responsibility for ICCSI (social issues including racism), the Department for Theological Questions, and whatever issues its members wish to raise.
- 6) To focus the common Christian witness of member churches in promoting the common good on this island, based on the Christian values of peace, justice, reconciliation, resource sharing and the vision of an inclusive society for all.