

# *A Pilgrimage of Hope: Challenges and Gratitude in the Ecumenical Journey*

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The struggle to realize the visible unity of the Church presents daunting challenges in the post-modern world. The issues of authority, the polarization on ethical convictions, ecclesial identity, episcopacy and primacy, the new Pentecostal and Evangelical voices, inculturation and even the goal of the unity we seek, continue before us. As the press and our polarized members alike turn their attention to the issues that continue to divide, we can be grateful for the pilgrimage of grace on which we have received many gifts as we move forward toward that fullness which is the ecumenical hope.

Response by the **Rev. Dr. Louis Weil**, the James F. Hodges, and Harold and Rita Haynes Professor Emeritus of Liturgics; Church Divinity School of the Pacific; US Lutheran Episcopal Dialogue; International Reformed Anglican Dialogue

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**A reception will follow at the Franciscan School of Theology**

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