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Nationwide Art Contest 2010

MONTREAL, Canada -- Mar. 25, 2009 -- The Canadian Centre for Ecumenism is once again inviting submissions for its Annual Nationwide Art Contest to illustrate the theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2010. Canadians of all ages are encouraged to submit their own artistic interpretation on the worldwide theme selected by Scotland: *"You are witnesses of these things"* (Luke 24.48).

It is generally held that the 1910 World Mission Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, marked the beginnings of the modern ecumenical movement. The Conference was a purely decision-taking meeting and had no other aim than to help missionaries forge a common spirit and coordinate their work.

One hundred years later, the churches of Scotland invite us to listen to Christ's final discourse before his ascension, *"Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things"* (Luke 24.46-48).

The winning submission will be reproduced in the Canadian print material for the Week for Prayer for Christian Unity 2010, including the kit published by Novalis. The winner's bio and photo will also appear in the Winter 2009 issue of *Ecumenism*.

Submissions should be accompanied by the artist's name(s), contact information, and a few lines to explain how the work fits the theme. The winning entry will be selected based on creativity as well as the ability to illustrate the 2010 theme with clarity.

Entries will be considered in any medium, but submissions must be sent electronically as a digital image at a resolution of no less than 300dpi. Send submissions to info@oikoumene.ca by June 15, 2009. The winner will be notified by June 30, 2009.

About the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism

Founded in 1963, the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism, through education and awareness raising activities, promotes Christian unity, as well as understanding and collaboration among the faithful of the world's religions. Its quarterly periodical *Ecumenism* is received in 40 countries and the Centre maintains a specialized 9,000-volume library accessible to the public.

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