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The Archbishop Iakovos Endowment for Faith and Order is one of six focused endowments of the Ecumenical Development Initiative. The theme of the initiative is **Toward the Year 2000: Equipping the Churches for Ecumenical Ministry.** For further information, write or call:

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**Archbishop Iakovos
Endowment for
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Toward the Year

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In support of the
National Council of the Churches
of Christ in the USA
World Council of Churches

The Archbishop Iakovos Endowment for Faith and Order is a permanent fund with a goal of \$10 million to support equally the Faith and Order work of the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA.

His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America has been an active ecumenical leader for over half a century. Naming the Endowment in his honor recognizes the ecumenical character of his ministry and his life-long commitment to human reconciliation.

What Is Faith and Order?

Even though Christians in large numbers believe in and seek Christian unity, the churches remain divided, traditionally over what Christians believe - "faith" - and how church bodies function - "order." Also the issues that divide the human community create church divisions: race, class, gender, nationality, and culture. Faith and Order work, especially in the form of new theological insights and convergences, creatively addresses these issues.

As the arena of the theological reflection of the churches together, Faith and Order has provided a major dimension of 20th century ecumenical life. It continues to include even those outside Council membership. Today, beyond Protestant and Orthodox church leaders, Faith and Order counts Roman Catholic, Pentecostal and Evangelical Christians in its constituency.

Why Is the Endowment Needed?

Deeper understandings of Christian faith and God's call to lives of Christian faithfulness lie at the heart of the ecumenical movement. The Archbishop Iakovos Endowment will enable churches and Christian people everywhere to be drawn toward such understandings and touched by God's call.

In the life of both councils, the Endowment will play a crucial role in "placing faith issues at the forefront", as Archbishop Iakovos has said. It will both stabilize and enlarge Faith and Order work.

What Will the Endowment Make Possible?

The Endowment will be used to convene theologians and church leaders around unity issues. In a contentious, war-scarred world, the unity of Christians can contribute dramatically to finding a less hostile, even a non-violent future.

In the life of both Councils the Endowment will mean:

- Younger seminarians and church leaders better equipped for future ecumenical roles
- Religious studies influencing contemporary life far more quickly and directly
- Theological minds brought from seminary isolation into direct engagement with church life.
- Adequate staffing for Faith and Order

Who Can Participate in the Endowment?

Everyone!

Former USA Presidents Ford, Carter and Reagan are serving as honorary co-chairs for the Endowment's development. A widely representative sponsoring committee has gathered about the campaign, chaired by United Methodist Bishop James K. Mathews.

But the appeal is to all, especially church members who wish to honor Archbishop Iakovos in a lasting way through the ongoing work of Faith and Order. Large capital gifts will be needed. Numerous smaller gifts, even modest ones, will also be needed. Together these gifts will enable Faith and Order to fulfill its critical ministry among the churches.

How May Gifts to the Endowment Be Made?

The management of the Endowment's development is the responsibility of the Ecumenical Development Initiative. Gifts can be made through its office in New York. Jointly sponsored by the World and National Councils of Churches, a variety of plans for giving are available. A consultation with the EDI staff on how gifts can best fit the financial planning of the donor can be arranged.

Participation in the Archbishop Iakovos Endowment for Faith and Order is both urgently needed and earnestly invited. Inquiries and questions are welcomed.