

Editorial

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The unity and fellowship of Christians, one of the central subjects of the New Testament, is not sufficiently considered or practiced among evangelical Christians in Croatia. Aware of this fact, on the editorial board of *Kairos*, we asked biblicists, theologians and pastors from the representative evangelical denominations to consider this subject and publish their work in this edition of *Kairos*.

In February 2008, we organized, together with the Bible Institute in Zagreb and the Evangelical Theological College in Osijek, a one day scientific gathering with the goal being that all participants consider and discuss the unity and fellowship of Christians in Croatia. The discussion at the gathering was divided into four parts. In the first part, the theme of unity and fellowship of Christians in the New Testament was elaborated. In the second part, unity and fellowship of Christians in Croatia through the course of history was discussed. The third part was intended for a discussion about modern spiritual movements whose goal is unity and fellowship of Christians. Finally, pastoral-theological understandings and the application of unity and fellowship in the life of the church was discussed.

On this occasion, leading theologians and biblical experts and representatives of various Christian denominations shared their views on Christian unity and they talked with other participants of the scientific gathering about relevant questions that are required for a clearer understanding of the unity of Christians and the realization of more effective cooperation among Christian communities in Croatia. We are publishing their works here. Beside biblicists, theologians and pastors from the churches of Reformation heritage, a valuable contribution on understanding unity and fellowship among Christians in the Catholic Church was given by Jure Zečević, the professor of ecumenical theology at the Catholic Theological Faculty in Zagreb.

The published articles will not sap the consideration of unity and fellowship of Christians; on the contrary, we believe that these published works will strongly stimulate research and the application of biblical principles of unity and

fellowship of Christians in Croatia. Therefore we encourage authors to send their biblically founded and scientifically supported discussions to the editorial board of Kairos, and we will publish them in accordance with the standards of the journal.

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