



## The “Dallas Resolution”

### The First International/Interconfessional Congress of Jewish Disciples of Jesus

(August 30, 2018)

#### I.

We are Jews who worship the God of Israel, Creator of heaven and earth, who has revealed himself in Jesus the Messiah through the Holy Spirit. As disciples of Yeshua, we belong to a broad range of churches – Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, Evangelical, and Pentecostal – and to Messianic Jewish communities. Inheriting almost a decade of prayer, study, and collaboration by some of our members in the Helsinki Consultation, we are discovering mutual respect, understanding, and affection. We yearn to grow in our common life, to continue to learn from one another, and to support each other’s calling in the Spirit. We believe this is a precious gift from God that should be extended to all our Jewish brothers and sisters who, like us, have come to faith in Yeshua the Messiah. This gift has enabled many of us to overcome the solitude we have felt in our condition as Jewish disciples of Jesus, and we believe our communion with one another can be an instrument of strengthening and faith for all who follow Him.

#### II.

Without relinquishing our ecclesial communities, we are convinced that Jewish disciples of Yeshua are called to live as a corporate expression of *Am Israel* within the body of Christ, a prophetic voice within that body and within the Jewish people. We believe that the loss of a Jewish expression of faith in Messiah is a wound within *Am Israel* and the body of Christ. The healing of this wound calls for the coming together of disciples of Jesus from among the Jews and the nations. This too can inspire disciples from among the nations to increase their efforts to come together with one another in unity. This then will contribute to the fulfillment of the prayer of Jesus that “all may be one.”

Working towards this vision will require a visible structure that will reflect the breadth of Jewish disciples of Christ. That structure will be inter-confessional in nature and will incorporate the statements of the Helsinki Consultation as the basis of its theological work.

Practically, this organization may develop or share

- mutual support and fellowship
- paths towards repentance and mutual forgiveness among Jewish disciples
- resources for deepening the identity of Jewish disciples of Jesus
- joint prayer and the sharing of liturgical traditions
- theological research
- interconfessional dialogue and study
- programs of formation
- witness to Yeshua
- networks for building relationships among young people and singles
- support in combatting anti-Semitism
- representation of Jewish disciples of Jesus to the wider Church

### III.

The shape, organization, and name of the envisioned structure should emerge from a period of prayer and structured deliberation. This process will be led by an initial Steering Group. We are constituting this Steering Group from the four members of the current Steering Committee of the Helsinki Consultation, joined by three further members, chosen (for the sake of balanced representation) from among European Messianic Jews, Protestants, and North American Catholics. The Steering Group is responsible for presenting a proposal for an organizational structure within two years. The remainder of us undertake to support their work in prayer.

The members of this transitional Steering Group will be Boris Balter, Mark Kinzer, Fr. Antoine Levy, Lisa Loden, Mark Neugebauer, Lee Spitzer, and Igor Swiderski,

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