

**CEC 12th Assembly
Trondheim (Norway), 25 June – 2 July 2003
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Hearing 1:

- Title:** Reconciliation: Perspectives from Northern Ireland
- Responsible Organization/s:** Irish Council of Churches; Ecumenical Association for Academies and Laity Centres in Europe (EAALCE)
- Date and Time of the Hearing:** Thursday 26 June 2003, 1500hrs-1630hrs
- Languages Used:** English
- Main Speakers / Presenters:** Presenter: Dr David Stevens, General Secretary of the Irish Council of Churches
Moderator: Peter Middlemiss, President, EAALCE
- Description:** It is expected that the Churches have a ministry of reconciliation, particularly in conflict situations. What is the actual evidence? What are the limiting factors? What has been done and learnt by Christians seeking to exercise a ministry of reconciliation in a conflict situation? Northern Ireland will form the focus of the Hearing, but other situations will be examined as well. The focus of the hearing will be a presentation by Dr David Stevens who is General Secretary of the Irish Council of Churches and a member of the Corrymeela Community, a well-known community of reconciliation in Northern Ireland. The moderator will be Peter Middlemiss, the President of the Ecumenical Association of Academies and Laity centres in Europe (EAALCE), a Europe-wide network of Christian lay centres and academies, many of whom are actively involved in reconciliation work.