



## Short History

The roots of IEF go back to the foundation of the International League for Apostolic Faith and Order (ILAFO) in 1951.

At the conference in Fribourg in 1967, we decided to reconstitute ourselves as IEF.

Our growth led to the establishment of national bodies (called regions) in 1974.

We developed significantly after 1989, when further regions came to be formed in Central and Eastern Europe.



*Come, taste and see  
how good the Lord is!  
All are welcome  
to this experience.*

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## Living Today the Church of Tomorrow

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INTERNATIONAL  
ECUMENICAL  
FELLOWSHIP

(FOUNDED IN 1967)

# What is IEF?



## *International*

Members of IEF come at present from ten different European countries.

This international dimension is important for the process of reconciliation between Christian churches and traditions in the context of nations, cultures and religions seeking to live at peace together.



## *Ecumenical*

We are a fellowship of Christians from many denominations, who are challenged by the prayer of Jesus Christ:

“that they may all be one”

(John 17,21).

We confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures and therefore we seek to fulfil together our common calling to the glory of the one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We are committed to the conciliar process of justice, peace and the integrity of creation.

## *Fellowship*

Dialogue enables us to listen to one another, to increase our openness and deepen our relationships through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We acknowledge our mutual responsibility in Church and society.

We take seriously that where two or three are gathered in the name of Jesus Christ, He is in the midst of them (Matthew 18,20).

We seek to live our unity in reconciled diversity.

We seek to overcome prejudices and we recognize the communion which is already given in Jesus Christ.

We are partners with the Conference of European Churches (CEC) and in many countries are associated with different national ecumenical organisations.