Background – “A Common Word Between Us and You”

On October 13, 2007, 138 Muslim scholars and clerics issued an open letter “to the leaders of the world’s churches” offering their understanding of “the common ground between Christianity and Islam.” The letter was entitled, “A Common Word Between Us and You” (http://www.acommonword.com/). At its February 2008 meeting, the CTCR adopted a resolution recommending that the President submit a response to the “Common Word” letter. President Kieschnick responded by asking the Commission to “prepare a draft of such a response for my consideration.” At the Commission’s April 2009 meeting, a response was adopted to be forwarded to the President for his review and use. The response is included in Appendix II of the 2010 *Convention Workbook*. 