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Ecumenical leaders forecast peace will bring greater church unity

Hopes for the "revitalisation" of ecumenism in Northern Ireland, in the wake of the "Peace Agreement", have been voiced by Roman Catholic Primate, Dr. Sean Brady and Methodist President, Rev. Edmund Mawhinney.

They are both hoping for more joint activities in the near future. In a joint statement, the two men, who are joint-chairmen of the Irish Inter-Church Committee, said: "We are about to enter a new millennium --one in which we hope that relationships between the Christian Churches will be profoundly different to those in this." The Irish Inter-Church Committee is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Its first meeting took place in Ballymascanlon, near Dundalk in the Irish Republic.

Another member of the Irish Inter-Church Committee, Rev. Ian Ellis, a Church of Ireland rector, is Vice-President of the Irish Council of Churches. He has said in a new book that Christianity in Ireland is no longer about Protestants and Roman Catholics but about the different churches in dialogue and cooperation.

All that this ecumenical gobbledegook amounts to is that the ecumenical Protestant denominations have abandoned their creeds and confessions with their condemnations of Romanism as the system of antichrist and, furthermore, have cast off the Word of God as the only rule of faith and practice.

If the "Peace Agreement" brings about such advances in error and evil, then it is comment enough on the morality of the agreement.