Ecumenism and the Missio Dei
The Origins and Theology of the Modern Ecumenical Movement

- Roman Catholic-Eastern Orthodox reconciliation?
- The Student Volunteer Movement (1886)
- The theological basis for ecumenism:
  - Disunity is scandalous
  - The "visible unity" of the church (cf. John 17:20-24)
  - Cooperation in addressing issues of justice and peace
  - The eschatological church

1,200 delegates from Europe and the United States met in Edinburgh to discuss the future of Protestant missions.
The Development of the Ecumenical Movement

World Missionary Conference (Edinburgh, 1910)

- International Missionary Council (Lake Mohonk, 1921)
- Faith and Order Movement (Lausanne, 1927)

- Life and Work Movement (Stockholm, 1925)

- World Council of Churches (Amsterdam, 1948)

- World Council of Churches (New Delhi, 1961)
Revising Mission Theology

“To seek with people of other lands a true knowledge and love of God expressing in life and word what we have learned through Jesus Christ, and endeavoring to give effect to his spirit in the life of the world.”

*Laymen’s Inquiry* (1932)

History of the WCC Assemblies