

PATRIARCHAL GREETINGS

To the members of
The XIII international Joint Commission
of the theological dialogue
between Orthodox and Lutherans
2-9 November 2006, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

We greet and congratulate all the members of the international Joint Commission of the theological dialogue between Orthodox and Lutherans, at the beginning of your work in Bratislava, Slovak Republic.

This Joint Commission of the dialogue has already completed twenty-five years of fruitful and constructive cooperation. We give thanks to God for this, and we pray that you may continue progressing, overcoming the known difficulties, and reach decisions which advance the theological discussions and lead us closer to each other as it is the expressed will of the Lord and Savior of all.

We bestow to all of you dear members of the Joint Commission our Patriarchal blessings and paternal wishes in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the Ecumenical Patriarchate/ Phanar, 3 November 2006.

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Archbishop of Constantinople,
New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch