

## The Spirit as Separating and Uniting

Since 2011 onwards Lutherans and Pentecostals in Sweden have met for informal conversations on a regular basis. This initiative stemmed from collaboration and disagreements made visible within the Christian Council of Sweden.

First this paper intends to describe the development of the character of this bilateral conversation founded in the ecumenical endeavor to get to know each other at a deeper level. Some success factors are described (not being formal, not aiming at any other result) along with some difficulties and risks (attaining a meaningful discussion, avoiding conflicts).

Second, some of the topics discussed will be described. How did we approach them? How can the differences, that are obvious at first sight, become qualified? The themes described will be our views of the Bible as the Word of God, our pneumatologies and eschatologies. The latter theme will be approached with reference to Cecil M. Robeck Jr and his article "Can We Imagine an Ecumenical Future Together: A Pentecostal Perspective" *Gregorianum* 100, 1 (2019).

Third, the perspective will be broadened by a brief gender analysis of the themes in relation to the conversation and an international outlook will be provided in relation to the Global Lutheran-Pentecostal Dialogue.

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