

George Egg - MBs-GCs - Our Vadio

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Where are we going? Huttoute leader -

MB & GC are both world menachers - both
proud - some prouder.

Very significant event - very good
attendance

Deeply impressed by sincerity of
presenters.

Est of MB chur was bless for entire
brotherhood. Have not belittled events
of 1860. But even most admirable
renewal movement loses its justify if
original cause of renewal has been
removed. Don't question sincerity of ^{bel up} those who
Are you suggesting MBs & GCs should
unite? Yes. Have felt so from youth -

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Was influence of home. Father never allowed him to speak neg. word about MB.

Refugees in Paraguay: 1947 C A De Fehr
"in misery & suffering you've been together
we'll also have communion together."

Geo. Epp was youth leader in Paraguay
came to Wpg in 1954. Was invited
to MBBG - 1968. Was trusted by MBs.
Was questioned by GCs. Fear of one another
is as real in GC conference as in MB.
C A De Fehr - All our divisions ~~are~~ can
be pointed back to our leading brethren
looking back on 75 yrs in church.

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DeFebr said when you're as old as I am you no longer fear what people think.

Discussions and relations gone on in very many places.

MBs have been most reluctant to consider closer relations to other Mem.

MBs & GCs in Can closest of all Mem. - ethnic, cultural, social & even blood ties. Separated only by slightly artificial theol. arguments. Separate Sunday mornings, ~~sep~~ together Sunday afternoon. See people change

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sides - not out of protest but as friends. Some of my MB friends don't like it. But take comfort, as many GCs opposed to it as MBs. Suspicion & fear are not a monopoly of MBs, we're equal in this too.

Cooperation in Russia - schools, orphanages, hospitals, etc - all inter-Mem.

Choirs, schools, CBMC (run by MBs & GCs)

Who would have predicted that in B.C. we would have first effort inter Mem. in theol educ. in Christian educ.

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Factors against cooperation

- many have not been part of this process, trusting takes great effort
- can't see any theol. arguments against amalgam. - but we're not arguing for amal, arguing for respect & closer cooperation
- may be ideal but we must work with realistic approach
- that not the problem - perception of our theol may be.
- realism - should show us that education will be very important factor in our future - our lifeline, but will be very expensive - will have to make serious decision - compete for our young.

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- Will we do it alone in mediocre institutions
Or will we do it together - will we afford
2 expensive colleges, 2 seminaries, 4 archives
would not accept economics as driving
force for decision, but if Spirit uses
economics, I will not stand in way.
Little of substance separates us today.
Am 2 too cautious.

In next 25 yrs marriage between
these two partners is not likely.
but it would be beautiful if it
could happen.

Do we pray for better understanding
& cooperation.