

Studies of Religion

Section I (continued)

Attempt Question 11

Answer the question in the space provided.

Question 11 (5 marks)

'The churches should act together in all matters except those in which deep differences of conviction compel them to act separately.'

Conference on Faith and Order, 1952

Using the above statement and your own knowledge, describe the impact of Christian ecumenical movements in Australia.

Ecumenical movements within Australia have impacted on all aspects of society. Ecumenical movements such as the Uniting Church form stronger religious groups in Australia which also form a stronger base when becoming more involved in political issues, as it increases higher pressure of politicians. Ecumenical movements also provide social welfare and movements such as the National Council of Churches also increases the influence religion can hold upon political issues. Ecumenical movements also played a major part in the Stolen Generations and conducting missionary activity among Aboriginal people, resulting in the widespread loss of language and culture.