

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.

Christian ecumenical movements in Australia have a large impact due to the constant recognition and working together of Christian churches. As a community, the National Council of Churches of Australia have united in the 2001 initiative, Decade to Overcome Violence (DOV). The churches act together to promote justice and peace. The NSW Ecumenical Council act together to promote equality for all, this is seen in the annual initiative since 1945, the Christmas Bowl Appeal, giving money to those less fortunate. Thus, "deep differences of conviction", including historical differences, are disregarded in striving for a unified Christian community.