

The two events I mentioned in my e-mail of April 28 continue to inspire. Dr. Brenneman leaves for Turkey, Belgium (where he will teach a week's course on Islam), France and Germany, with a visit to Iraq, on May 15, returning on June 20. He will be checking on the status of refugees. Please keep him in prayer.

The National Workshop on Christian Unity, held in Minneapolis from May 1-4, was very successful. Attached is a short description, and a very important statement presented during the meeting. Please read and reflect on the statement "Christian Witness in a Multi-Religious World" (only three pages of text).

Archbishop Hebda said Mass for the Catholic leaders on May 1. During one of the sessions on working with Moslems, we learned that the Minnesota Council of Churches has a sign for sale "Blessed Ramadan," which occurs this year from May 27-June 24. Many were in tears, when leaders described how Somalis especially would stop at the doors of homes or churches displaying these signs on their lawns, and say: "This is the first time I have felt at home, when I saw your sign." We might consider putting one of these signs in our windows or on our lawns.

Many Lutherans were present, and we continue to advance with them as the 500th anniversary of Luther's posting his theses continues. One leader praised Fr. Ron Rolheiser's column "500 Years of Misunderstanding," for suggesting a solution to this split. You may find his column next to his photo on the home page of the MUD website www.harrywinter.org.

Many thanks for your prayers for these two events. May the Easter joy of the Risen Christ help us to Witness, Unite and Dialogue.

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