

Table 15-3. Index of Christian abbreviations, acronyms, and initials.

Some 2,400 sets of initials, most being abbreviations of the names of organizations, are widely used by Christians around the world, or are used in their extensive literature across the 20th century. This index lists, alphabetically by initials, a representative selection of them. First are all recognized and widely-used abbreviations used in this Encyclopedia (excluding codes designed only for this Encyclopedia, which are given in Part 3 "Codebook"); second are acronyms (names as words formed from the initial letters of other words); third are initials of Christian and religious bodies in widespread or international use; fourth are a select few other abbreviations, not of organizations, but commonly used by Christians or in this Encyclopedia (e.g. KJV). The vast majority relate to Christian organizations, with a few widely-used secular abbreviations.

As this is a simple quick-reference tool, translations into other languages are not usually given, nor additional identification, description, or explanation. Most bodies may be identified further from various other resources in this Encyclopedia, in particular Part 14 "Directory". In some cases, the initials do not match the name given, because the commonly-used initials come from one language while the commonly-used name comes from another. This is especial-

ly true for Roman Catholic religious orders and congregations, whose initials are usually taken from Latin. Although this index deals predominantly with the abbreviations of names and titles in the main European language they are used in, in a number of cases their counterpart initials in other international languages are also given, with equivalents (e.g. WCC=COE=OKR). In cases where the same initials are used by 2 different bodies, both usages are given. Most of the organizations listed here are still in existence under the names shown, but a small proportion no longer exist or have changed their names; they are given here for historical interest and ease of identification. In many cases, both older and newer names are given (e.g. CIM and OMF, same body, name changed 50 years ago).

An interesting trend of recent decades is that many mission organizations have jettisoned outdated names without departing from well-known initials, resulting in new names that are curious cross-breeds of form. Thus, e.g. Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society became BCMS Crosslinks, Central American Mission became CAM International, Overseas Crusades became OC International, Oriental Missionary Society became OMS International, Regions Beyond Missionary Union became RBMU International,

Sudan Interior Mission became SIM International, Unevangelized Fields Mission became UFM International, Worldwide Evangelization Crusade became WEC International, and the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society became CBInternational. These new names are, in fact, names, and not still acronyms—the organizations have deliberately departed from earlier implied geographical restrictions or unpleasant terms (e.g. 'crusade'). That they have deliberately adopted new names with such awkward forms shows the power and importance of initials and acronyms.

Many thousands of initials and abbreviations used in the Christian world are not included here. This listing emphasizes global organizations and organizations of international influence, thus excluding (1) initials of churches and denominations within a country, except major plurinational or global ones, (2) most organizations at the subnational level, and (3) a number at the national level, too. For these, see the individual country articles and tables in Part 4 "Countries". National denominations and organizations whose influence spreads over many nations are more likely to be included.

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AA	apostolic administration	AETT	Associação Evangélica de Educação Teológica	ASGM	American Scripture Gift Mission
AA	Assumptionists (Augustinians of the Assumption)	AEF	Africa Evangelical Fellowship	ASIT	Asociación Sudamericana de Instituciones Teológicas
AABF	All Africa Baptist Fellowship	AEGM	Asia Evangelistic Fellowship	ASO	Apostolado Seglar Organizado
AACC	All Africa Conference of Churches	AELC	Anglican Evangelical Group Movement	ASPREC	Asia Pacific Regional Center, UBS
AACJM	African Apostolic Church of Johane Maranka	AEM	Alianza Evangélica Hondureña	ASSR	autonomous soviet socialist republic
AAM	American Advent Mission	AEP	Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches	ASTE	Associação de Seminários Teológicos Evangélicos
AAPC	Adopt-a-People Clearinghouse	AEP	Arbeitsgemeinschaft Evangelikaler Missionen	ASV	American Standard Version (of the Bible)
AB	Augsburg Bekenntnis/Confession	AEP	Aliança Evangélica Portuguesa	ATENE	Association for Theological Education in the Near East
ABC	African Brotherhood Church	AEPB	Alliance des Eglises Protestantes du Burundi	AUCECB	All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists
ABCFM	American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions	AERDO	Association of Evangelical Relief and Development Organizations	AV	Augsburg Confession
ABCIM	American Baptist Churches in the USA, International Ministries	AETTE	Associação Evangélica Teológica para Treinamento por Extensão	AV	Authorized Version (of the Bible)
ABCUSA	American Baptist Churches in the USA	AFI	Auxiliares Fêmeines Internationales	AVC	Association of Vineyard Churches
ABFMS	American Baptist Foreign Mission Society	AFM	Apostolic Faith Mission	AWCF	Apostolic World Christian Fellowship
ABHMS	American Baptist Home Mission Societies	AFM	Anglican Frontier Missions	AWE	Association for World Evangelism
ABM	Australian Board of Missions	AFMSA	Apostolic Faith Mission of South Africa	AWE	Associates for World Evangelization
ABMS	Australian Baptist Missionary Society	AFPRO	Action for Food Production Office	AWM	Arab World Ministries
ABS	American Bible Society	AFREC	Africa Regional Center, UBS	AZASA	Assembly of Zionist & Apostolic Churches of South Africa
ABWE	Association of Baptists for World Evangelism	AI	artificial intelligence		
AC	Apostolic Church (Great Britain)	AIC	Africa Inland Church	B	Barnabites (Clerics Regular of St Paul)
ACAC	American Christian Action Council	AICA	African Independent Churches Association	BAM	Brazilian Association of Missions
ACC	Advent Christian Church	AICA	Agencia Informativa Católica Argentina	BAVACO	Broadcasting and Audio-Visual Aids Committee
ACC	Anglican Consultative Council	AICC	Aboriginal and Islander Catholic Council	BB	Boys' Brigade
ACC	Australian Council of Churches	AICM	African Independent Churches Movement	BB	Bush Brotherhood
ACCC	American Council of Christian Churches	AICN	African Israel Church Nineveh	BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
ACE	Ayuda Cristiana Evangélica (Christian Aid)	AICOME	All-India Congress on Missions & Evangelism	BBFI	Baptist Bible Fellowship International
ACE	Action Catholique de l'Enfance	AICS	African Independent Churches Service	BBS	bulletin board system
ACEACCAM	Association des Conférences Episcopales de l'Afrique Centrale et du Cameroun	AICs	African Indigenous/Independent Churches	BC	Before Christ
ACECCT	Association des Conférences Episcopales du Congo/RCA/Tchad	AIDS	acquired immune deficiency syndrome	BCAS	Bush Church Aid Society
ACF	Action Catholique Familiale	AIM	Africa Inland Mission	BCC	Bible correspondence course
ACF	Asociación Cristiana Femenina (YWCA)	AIMI	Africa Inland Mission International	BCC	Botswana Christian Council
ACGF	Action Catholique Générale des Femmes	AIMS	Association of International Mission Services	BCC	British Council of Churches
ACGH	Action Catholique Générale des Hommes	AIMS	Accelerating International Mission Strategies	BCE	Before Christian Era, or Before Common Era
ACI	Action Catholique des Milieux Indépendants	AIPF	All-India Pentecostal Fellowship	BCEC	Barbados Council of Evangelical Churches
ACISJF	Association Catholique Internationale des Services de la Jeunesse Féminine	AJI	Amar Jyoti India	BCEOM	Bureau Central d'Etude pour les Equipements d'Outre Mer
ACJ	Asociación Cristiana de Jovenes (YMCA)	AKC	Arbeitskreis Kritisches Christentum	BCF	Bangladesh Christian Fellowship
ACKD	Arbeitsgemeinschaft Christlicher Kirchen in der BRD	ALC	American Lutheran Church	BCMC	Belgian Christian Missionary Church
ACKDDR	Arbeitsgemeinschaft Christlicher Kirchen in der DDR	ALCOE	Asian Leadership Conference on Evangelism	BCMS	Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society
ACKS	Arbeitsgemeinschaft Christlicher Kirchen in der Schweiz	ALER	Associação Latinoamericana de Educação Radiofônica	BCMS	BCMS Crosslinks
ACM	Alliance Chrétienne Missionnaire	ALET	Asociación Latinoamericana de Escuelas Teológicas	BCMS	Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society
ACMC	Advancing Churches in Missions Commitment	ALFALIT	Alfabetización y Literatura	BCMS	BCMS Crosslinks
ACMC	Association of Church Missions Committees	AM	audio modulation, amplitude modulation	BCMS	Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society
ACMM	Apostolic Church Missionary Movement	AM	Antioch Mission	BCOQ	Baptist Churches of Ontario and Quebec
ACNAC	Anglican Council of North America & the Caribbean	AMA	Asia Missions Association	BCPCU	Bishops' Commission for Promoting Christian Unity
ACO	Action Catholique Ouvrière	AMAA	Armenian Missionary Association of America	BCSC	Belize Christian Social Council
ACP	Apostolic Church of Pentecost	AMAC	Medical Aid to Central Africa	BCSL	Bishops' Conference of Sri Lanka
ACROSS	Africa Committee for the Rehabilitation of the Southern Sudan	AMDAC	Aid to Maternity Dispensaries of Central Africa	BCU	Bible Christian Union
ACTS	Asia Center for Theological Studies and Mission	AMEC	African Methodist Episcopal Church	BCWM	Brethren in Christ World Missions
ACU	Action Catholique Universitaire	AMECEA	Association of Member Episcopal Conferences in Eastern Africa	BD	bachelor of divinity
AD	archdiocese	AMEN	American Military Evangelizing Nations	BDKJ	Bund der Deutschen Katholischen Jugend
AD	Anno Domini (In the Year of Our Lord)	AMEN	Asociación Misionera Evangélica a Las Naciones	BEC	British Evangelical Council
AD	Asambleas de Dios	AMEZC	African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church	BECs	basic ecclesial communities
AD	Assemblées de Dieu	AMG	American Mission to Greeks	BEM	Borneo Evangelical Mission
ADEOPA	Association des Eglises et Oeuvres Protestants en Algérie	AMORC	Ancient Mystical Order Rosae Crucis	BEM	Belgian Evangelical Mission
AE	African Enterprise	AMREC	Americas Regional Center, UBS	BERRS	Bangladesh Ecumenical Relief & Rehabilitation Service
AEA	Australian Evangelical Alliance	AMTB	Associação de Missoes Transculturais Brasileiras	BFBS	British & Foreign Bible Society
AEAM	Association of Evangelicals of Africa and Madagascar	AN	abbey nullius	BFM	Bethany Fellowship Missions
AEBET	Asociación Evangélica Boliviana de Educación Teológica	ANDEB	Asociación Nacional de Evangélicos de Bolivia	BFM	Board of Foreign Missions
AEBG	Asociación Evangelica de Billy Graham	AO	autonomous oblast	BFTW	Bibles For The World
AEC	Alianza Evangélica Costarricense	AOC	African Orthodox Church	BGC	Baptist General Conference
AEC	Antilles Episcopal Conference	AOG	Assemblies of God	BGEA	Billy Graham Evangelistic Association
AEC	Association des Eglises Chrétiennes	AOI	Asian Outreach International	BGM	Board of Global Ministries
AECEWA	Association of Episcopal Conferences of English-speaking West Africa	AP	Anuario Pontificio	BICC	Brethren in Christ Church
AEE	African Evangelistic Enterprise	APCA	Association of Pentecostal Churches in America	BICE	Bureau International Catholique de l'Enfance
AEEC	Association des Eglises Evangéliques	APCM	Asia Pacific Christian Mission	BIM	Baptist International Missions
		APCTE	Association for the Promotion of Chinese Theological Education	BIM	Bureau d'Information Missionnaire
		ARCIC	Anglican/Roman Catholic International Commission	BIP	Bureau d'Information Protestant
		ARENSA	Asociación Regional Episcopal del Norte del Sud América	BKED	Bund Katholischer Erzieher Deutschlands
		ARM	Anglican Renewal Ministries	BLASC	Bureau de Liaison d'Action Sociale et Caritative
		ARMS	Amateur Radio Missionary Service	BLI	Bible Literature International
		ARPC	Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church	BLIROI	Bureau de Liaison de l'Information Religieuse dans l'Océan Indien
				BLUCE	Bible Lands Union for Christian Education
				BM	Basel Mission

BM	Bibliografía Misionaria	CCCC	Confederación Colegios Cubanos Católicos	CEDEMA	Centrale d'Editions et de Diffusion de Matériel Audio-Visuel
BMAA	Baptist Missionary Association of America	CCCE	Council for Co-operation of Churches in Ethiopia	CEDOC	Confederación Ecuatoriana de Organizaciones Sindicales Cristianas
BMC	Bible Missionary Church	CCCI	Campus Crusade for Christ International	CEDUCCI	Centro de Educación Cinematográfica
BMM	Baptist Mid-Missions	CCCS	Commonwealth and Continental Church Society	CEE	Conferencia Episcopal Española
BMMF	Bible and Medical Missionary Fellowship	CCEA	Christian Churches' Educational Association	CEE	Consejo Evangélico Español
BMS	Baptist Missionary Society	CCEA	Council of the Church in East Asia	CEE	Confraternidad Evangélica Ecuatoriana
BMT	Bold Mission Thrust	CCECB	Council of Churches of Evangelical Christians-Baptists	CEEC	Commission Episcopale pour l'Ecole Catholique
BNCC	Bangladesh National Council of Churches	CCEE	Consilium Conferentiarum Episcopaliū Europae	CEECA	Conférence des Evêques de l'Empire Centrafricaine
BP	boîte postale/post box	CCEM	Comisión Católica Española de Migración	CEEEFE	Commission des Eglises Evangéliques d'Expression Française a l'Extérieur
BPT	Bethel Pentecostal Temple	CCEP	Comisión Coordinadora Evangélica de Paraguay	CEEH	Conseil des Eglises Evangéliques d'Haiti
BRAVS	Broadcasting and Audio-Visual Services	CCF	Centro da Cultura Filmica	CEEP	Comité Central Evangélico en el Paraguay
BRF	Bible Reading Fellowship	CCF	Catholic Communications Foundation	CEF	Child Evangelism Fellowship
BRS	Biblical Research Society	CCF	Christian Children's Fund	CEF	Conférence Episcopale de France
BS	Bible School	CCFD	Comité Catholique National contra la Faim et pour le Développement	CEFOD	Centre d'Etudes et de Formation pour le Développement
BUGBI	Baptist Union of GB & Ireland	CCG	Christian Council of Ghana	CEG	Conferencia Episcopal de Guatemala
BVM	Bibeltroegner Vänner (Bible True Friends)	CCH	Collegium Catholicum Holmiense	CEH	Conférence Episcopale d'Haiti
BYM	Blessing Youth Mission	CCTA	Commission of the Churches on International Affairs	CEH	Conferencia Episcopal de Honduras
BWA	Baptist World Alliance	CCIC	Catholic Charismatic Information Center	CEHVN	Conférence Episcopale de Haute-Volta et Niger
BWM	Board of World Ministries	CCID	Center Catholique d'Information Discographique	CEI	Centro Ecueménico de Informacoes
		CCII	Catholic Communications Institute of Ireland	CEI	Conferenza Episcopale Italiana
		CCJCA	Caribbean Committee for Joint Christian Action	CEIAL	Christian Equipppers International
		CCJP	Consultation of the Church and the Jewish People	CELA	Movimento Laici per l'America Latina
		CCJ	Consultation of the Church and the Jewish People	CELA	Catholics for Latin America
		CCM	Christian Council of Lesotho	CELAC	Conferencia Evangélica Latinoamericana
		CCM	Christian Council of Malawi	CELADEC	Conférence Episcopale du Laos et Cambodge
		CCM	Conselho Cristão de Moçambique		Comisión Evangélica Latinoamericana de Educación Cristiana
		CCM	Council of Churches of Malaysia	CELAM	Consejo Episcopal Latinoamericano
		CCMA	Catholic Campus Ministry Association	CELIM	Centro Laici Italiani per le Missioni
		CCMIE	Comité Catholique pour les Migrations Intra-Européennes de la CICM	CELRA	Conférence des Evêques Latins dans les Régions Arabes
		CCN	Christian Council of Nigeria	CEM	Centro Educacione Missionario
		CCN	Council of Churches in the Netherlands	CEM	Confederación Evangélico Mundial
		CCNA	Christian Church of North America	CEM	Conférence del Episcopado Mexicano
		CCOC	Centro Católico de Orientación Cinematográfica	CEM	Conférence Episcopal de Moçambique
		CCODP	Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace	CEME	Comité Episcopal des Missions à l'Extérieur
		CCOWE	Chinese Congress on World Evangelization	CEMJ	Centre d'Enseignement des Monitrices de la Jeunesse
		CCOWE	Chinese Coordination Center of World Evangelism	CEMS	Church of England Men's Society
		CCPD	Commission on the Churches' Participation in Development	CENAMI	Centro Nacional de Ayuda a las Misiones Indigenas
		CCPM	Comisión Católica Peruana de Migración	CENCOS	Centro Nacional de Comunicación Social
		CCR	Catholic Charismatic Renewal	CENDAC	Centro d'Azione Culturale
		CCR	Centro Cattolico Radiofonico	CENFO	Centre de Formation Socio-Pastorale
		CCR	Christian Council of Rhodesia	CENM	Christian Echoes National Ministry
		CCRT	Centre Catholique de Radio et Télévision	CENPRO	Centro de Producción y Formación
		CCS	Church of Christ, Scientist	CEOC	Centro de Orientación Cinematográfica
		CCSA	Christian Committee for Service in Algeria	CEOSS	Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services
		CCSEA	Council of the Church in South East Asia	CEP	Centre d'Etudes Pastorales
		CCSM	Confédération Chrétienne des Syndicats Malgaches	CEP	Conférence Episcopal de Panamá
		CCSV	Christian Council of St Vincent	CEP	Conférence Episcopal Paraguaya
		CCT	Centro Cattolico Teatrale	CEP	Conférence Episcopal Puertorriqueña
		CCT	Christian Council of Tanzania	CEPA	Comité Evangélico Permanente Ayuda
		CCTD	Catholic Council of Thailand for Development	CEPAC	Conférence des Evêques du Pacifique
		CCTM	Centro Collegamenti Tecnici per la Missioni	CEPAD	Comité Evangélico pro Ayuda al Desarrollo
		CCTT	Christian Council of Trinidad & Tobago	CEPM	Conférence Episcopal Portugese da Metrópole
		CCTV	Centro Cattolico Televisivo	CEPR	Concilio Evangélico de Puerto Rico
		CCUA	Catholic Central Union of America	CEPRHU	Centro de Promoción Humana del Nordeste
		CCVM	Comisión Católica Venezolana de Migración	CEPZA	Conseil des Eglises Protestantes du Zaïre
		CCW	Caribbean Church Women	CEQ	Corporation des Enseignants du Québec
		CCW	Council of Churches for Wales	CER	Conférence Ecuatoriana de Religiosos
		CCWD	Christian Crusade for World Democracy	CERAO	Conférence Episcopale Régionale de l'Afrique Occidentale Francophone
		CCWE	Canadian Congress on World Evangelization		Conférence des Evêques de la RCA
		CCWL	Catholic Council on Working Life	CERCA	Centro de Ecumenismo do Rio de Janeiro
		CCWM	Congregational Council for World Mission	CERJ	Centro Editoriale Studi
		CCYUA	Catholic Central Youth Union of America	CEST	Conférence Episcopale de Sénégal—Mauritanie
		CCZ	Christian Council of Zambia	CESSM	Church of England Soldiers', Sailors' & Airmens' Clubs
		CDG	Community Development Group	CESSAC	Conférence des Eglises de Toute l'Afrique (AACC)
		CDTCG	Centrale Démocratique des Travailleurs Chrétiens de Guadeloupe	CETA	Centre d'Enseignement Théologique à Distance
		CDUCE	Christian Democratic Union of Central Europe	CETAD	Centre Experimental de TV Educación
		CE	Christian Era (similar to AD, but used by Jehovah's Witnesses and non-Christians)	CETE	Centre des Techniques de Diffusion et Relations Publiques
		CE	Christian Education	CETEDI	Comité des Eglises auprès des Travailleurs Migrants
		CE	Common Era (secular replacement for AD)	CEU	Conférence Episcopal del Uruguay
		CEA	Confederación Espiritista Argentina	CEV	Consejo Evangélico de Venezuela
		CEA	Conférence Episcopal Argentina	CEV	Conférence Episcopal Venezolana
		CEAP	Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines	CEVAA	Contemporary English Version (of the Bible)
		CEAST	Conférence Episcopal de Angola e São Tomé	CEYA	Communauté Evangélique d'Action Apostolique
		CEB	Confederação Evangélica do Brasil	CEZ	Caribbean Ecumenical Youth Action
		CEB	Conférence Episcopal de Bolivia	CFA	Conférence Episcopale du Zaïre
		CEBes	comunidades de base	CFAN	Congregation of Alexian Brothers
		CEC	Centro de Estudios Cristianos	CFC	Christ For All Nations
		CEC	Comisión Episcopal del Clero	CFC	Fratelli Cristiani
		CEC	Concilio Evangélico de Chile	CFC	Council of Free Churches
		CEC	Conférence de European Churches	CFC	Campaign for Christ
		CEC	Conférence Episcopal de Cuba	CFCCF	Council of Free Christians & Churches in Finland
		CEC	Cruzada Estudiantil para Cristo (Campus Crusade)	CFCH	Council of Free Churches in Hungary
		CECH	Conférence Episcopal de Chile	CFCJ	Conselho da Fraternidade Cristã-Judaica
		CECI	Centre d'Etudes et de Coopération International	CFD	Christlicher Friedensdienst
		CECOR	Conférence Episcopal de Costa Rica	CFIM	Christ for India Movement
		CECOSNE	Centro Educativo de Comunicações do Nordeste	CFMMA	Fratelli della Misericordia di Santa Maria Ausiliatrice
		CECOWE	Centrum voor Communicatiewetenschappen	CFMSA	Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America
		CECVN	Confédération des Etudiants Catholiques du Vietnam	CFO	Camps Farthest Out
		CED	Conférence del Episcopado Dominicano	CFP	Fratelli Poveri di San Francesco Serafico
		CEDA	Centre d'Edition et Diffusion Africaine	CFS	Congregation of the Priestly Fraternity
		CEDEC	Confederación Evangélica de Colombia	CFSM	Christian Family and Social Movement
		CEDES	Conférence Episcopal de El Salvador		

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C	catholicate, diocese of
c	central
c	circa (approximately)
C&S	Cherubim & Seraphim
CA	Church Army
CA	Catholic Action
CAC	Christ Apostolic Church
CAC	Catholic Apostolic Church
CACC	Central Africa Christian Council
CACE	Confederación Argentina Católica de Educadores
CADEC	Christian Action for Development in the Caribbean
CAF	Church of the Apostolic Faith
CAFOD	Catholic Fund for Overseas Development
CAHP	Co-ordinating Agency for Health and Planning
CAJ	Christliche Arbeitjungen
CALA	Consejo Anglicano Latinoamericano
CALM	Centro Assistenza Laici Missionari
CAM	Central American Mission
CAMEO	Committee to Assist Missionary Education Overseas
CAMI	CAM International
CAN	Christian Association of Nigeria
CAPA	Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa
CAR	Conferencia Argentina de Religiosos
CARA	Christian Action by Radio in Africa
CARAVS	Christian Association for Radio Audio-Visual Services
CARE	Catholic Action for Racial Education
CARE	Citizen's Association for Racial Equality
CARF	Christian Amateur Radio Fellowship
CARITAS	Catholic Relief Services
CARP	Caisse Auxiliaire de Retraites des Ministres du Culte Protestant
CASA	Christian Agency for Social Action, Relief and Development
CASA	Consejo Anglicano Sud Americano
CASC	Confederación Autonoma de Sindicatos Cristianos
CATA	Comité Acesor de Textos Autodidacticos
CATF	Catholic African Teachers' Federation of South Africa
CAVE	Centro Audio-Visual Evangélico
CAVEA	Centro Audio-Visual Evangélico de la Argentina
CAVISAT	Centre for Audio-Visual Instruction via Satellite
CAWD	Churches' Action for World Development
CB	citizens band (radio)
CBA	Catholic Biblical Association
CBA	Catholic Broadcasting Association
CBAI	Catholic Biblical Association of India
CBCB	Catholic Bishops' Conference of Bangladesh
CBCI	Catholic Bishops' Conference of India
CBCJ	Catholic Bishops' Conference of Japan
CBCP	Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines
CBF	Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
CBFMS	Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society
CBHMS	Conservative Baptist Home Mission Society
CBI	CBInternational (Conservative Baptist)
CBIM	Canadian Baptist International Ministries
CBM	Christadelphian Bible Mission
CBMEC	Comité Belge de Mission Evangélique au Congo
CBN	Christian Broadcasting Network
CBOMB	Canadian Baptist Overseas Mission Board
CBS	Christian Broadcasting System
CC	Churches of Christ
CCA	Christian Conference of Asia
CCAC	Comité de Coordination des Mouvements des Jeunes
CCAI	Comisión Católica Argentina de Inmigración
CCAP	Church of Central Africa Presbyterian
CCB	Christian Council of Botswana
CCC	Canadian Catholic Conference/Conférence Catholique Canadienne
CCC	Canadian Council of Churches
CCC	Caribbean Conference of Churches
CCC	Christian Catholic Church
CCC	Congregational Christian Churches
CCC	Centro Cattolico Cinematografico
CCC	Charismatic Concerns Committee
CCC	Commission on Church Cooperation
CCCA	Catholic Civics Clubs of America
CCCB	Coordinating Committee for Christian Broadcasting
CCCC	Caribbean Council of Christian Churches
CCCC	Christian Churches & Churches of Christ

CFTC	Confédération Française des Travailleurs Chrétiens	CMC	Catholic Media Council	COSEI	Consiglio degli Organismi per Studenti Esteri in Italia
CFX	Brothers of St Francis Xavier	CMC	Central Missions Commissariat	COSIM	Coalition for the Support of Indigenous Ministries
CGAL	Conseil Général de l'Apostolat des Laïcs	CMC	Christian Medical Commission	COSSEUJCA	Conseil Supérieur des Sacrificateurs pour les Eglises Unies de Jésus-Christ en Afrique
CGBD	Christlicher Gewerkschaftsbund Deutschlands	CMC	Christian Mission to the Communist World	COSUMA	Conférence des Supérieurs Majeurs du Burundi et du Rwanda
CGEA	Church of God in East Africa	CMCW	Christian Methodist Episcopal Church	COTE	Commission of Theological Education in Taiwan
CGH	Church of God Holiness	CMEC	Christian Family Movement	COTLA	Church of the Lord Aladura
CGI	Church Growth International	CMF	Christian Missionary Fellowship	COWE	Consultation on World Evangelization
CGM	Church Growth Movement	CMF	Claretians (Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary)	CP	casella postale/caixa postal/post box
CGNA	Churches of God in North America (General Eldership)	CMF	Christian Missionary Foundation (Nigeria)	CP	Passionists (Congregation of the Passion)
CGP	Church of God of Prophecy	CMF	Carmeliani della BV Maria Immacolata	CPA	Catholic Press Association
CHA	Catholic Hospital Association	CMF	Consejo Mundial de Iglesias (WCC)	CPAS	Church Pastoral-Aid Society
CHA	Christian Holiness Association	CMJ	Church's Ministry among the Jews	CPB	Confederação Pentecostal do Brasil
CHAG	Christian Hospital Association of Ghana	CMM	Congregation of Mariannhill Missionaries	CPC	Centre de Pédagogie Catholique
CHC	Calvary Holiness Church	CMLL	Christian Missions in Many Lands	CPC	Christian Peace Conference
CHC	Christian Holiday Crusade	CMN	Conseil Missionnaire National	CPCV	Comité Protestant des Centres de Vacances
CHEF	Christian Hope Indian Eskimo Fellowship	CMRSWI	Conference of Major Religious Superiors of Women's Institutes	CPG	Centro Salesiano di Pastorale Giovanile
CHFD	Commission Haitienne des Eglises pour le Développement	CMS	Catholic Mission Society	CPM	Ceylon Pentecostal Mission
CHR	Conférence Haitienne des Religieux	CMS	Christian Medical Society	CPM	Congregation of Priests of Mercy
CHSFM	Committee on the Holy Spirit and Frontier Missions	CMS	Church Missionary Society (Church Mission Society)	CPN	Consejo Pastoral Nacional
CIAC	Centro Italiano Addestramento Cinematografico	CMS	Missionary Congregation of St Francis of Assisi	CPPS	Precious Blood Fathers (Society of the Precious Blood)
CIAE	Conselho das Igrejas Angolanas Evangélicas	CMSF	Conference of Major Superiors of Men's Institutes	CPR	Conseil Protestant du Rwanda
CIC	Centrum Informationis Catholicum	CMSM	Confédération Mondiale du Travail	CPS	Canada Presbyterian Synod
CIC	Christian Information Center	CMT	Christian Medical Workers' Fellowship	CPSA	Church of the Province of Southern Africa
CICC	Cook Islands Christian Church	CMWF	Conférence Nacional dos Bispos do Brasil	CPSS	Catholic Prisoners' Social Service
CICM	Commission Internationale Catholique pour les Migrations	CNB	Christian National Evangelism Commission	CPU	Church Peace Union
CICM	Missionaries of Scheut (Immaculate Heart of Mary Mission Society) (Scheutists)	CNEC	Concilio Nacional Evangélico del Peru	CPWA	Church of the Province of West Africa
CICOP	Catholic Inter-American Cooperation Program	CNEP	Confederación Nacional Escuelas Particulares	CPWI	Church of the Province of the West Indies
CIDAL	Centre International de Documentation Audio- Visuelle	CNEWA	Catholic Near East Welfare Association	CR(1)	Resurrectionists (Congregation of the Resurrection)
CIDER	Centro Italiano Documentari Educativi Religiosi	CNG	Christlich Nationaler Gewerkschaftsbund der Schweiz	CR(2)	Theatine Fathers (Order of Regular Clerics)
CIDEV	Centre d'Information sur le Développement	CNI	Catholic News Service of India	CRAC	Central Religious Advisory Committee
CIDSE	Coopération Internationale pour le Développement Socio Economique	CNI	Church of North India	CRAL	Communauté Romande de l'Apostolat des Laïcs
CIEC	Confederación Interamericana de Educación Católica	CNIR	Conférence Nacional dos Institutos Religiosos	CRB	Conférence dos Religiosos do Brasil
CIEF	Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Familiares	CNM	Conseil National Missionnaire	CRB	Christian Revival Crusade
CIEF	Confederação das Igrejas Evangélicas Fundamentalistas	CNPC	Centre National de Presse Catholique	CRB	Conférence de Religiosos de Colombia
CIEMAL	Council of Evangelical Methodist Churches in Latin America	CNPL	Centre National de Pastorale Liturgique	CRB	Canadian Religious Conference
CIIC	Concilio Internacional de Iglesias Cristianas (ICCC)	CNSP	Catholic News Service of Pakistan	CREC	Centre Audiovisuel Recherche et Communication
CIIR	Catholic Institute for International Relations	CoB	Church of the Brethren	CRFEA	Christian Rural Fellowship of East Africa
CIM	China Inland Mission	COC	Centro de Orientación Cinematográfica	CRI	Conference of Religious of India
CIM	Comité des Instituts Missionnaires	COC	Church of Christ	CRIC	Congregation of Canons Regular of the Immaculate Conception
CIMADE	Comité Inter-Mouvements auprès des Evacués	COC	Coptic Orthodox Church	CRIF	Conseil Représentatif des Israélites de France
CIMIAD	Commission des Institutions et Mouvements Internationaux Aposoliques des Enfants	COCC	Confederación de Obreros y Campesinos Cristianos	CRL	Congregation of Canons Regular of the Lateran (Augustinian)
CIMS	Consociatio Internationalis Musicae Sacrae	COCDYC	Conservative & Christian Democratic Youth Community	CRMF	Christian Radio Missionary Fellowship
CIO	Centro de Información y Orientación	COCU	Church of Christ Uniting	CRP	Conférence de Religiosos del Peru
CIO	Church Information Office	COCU	Consultation on Church Unity	CRP	Premonstratensians (Order of Canons Regular of Prémontré), Norbertines (O Praem)
CIOEW	Catholic Information Office for England and Wales	CODEL	Cooperation in Development	CRS	Catholic Relief Services
CIP	Centre d'Information de Presse	CODEPA	Centro de Orientação e Documentação do Ensino Particular	CRS	Christian Rural Service
CIPBC	Church of India, Pakistan, Burma, and Ceylon	CODIAM	Committee for the Development of Intellectual Investments in Africa & Madagascar	CRS	Order of Clerks Regular of Somascha
CIPPL	Commission Interdiocésaine de Pastorale Liturgique	COE	Church of England	CRSA	Canonesses of St Augustine
CIRH	Conférence de Institutos Religiosos de Honduras	COE	Conseil Oecuménique des Eglises (WCC)	CRSB	Conference of Religious Sisters, Burma
CIRIC	Centre International de Reportages et d'Information Culturelle	COEM	Comité Oecuménique d'Entraide au Maroc	CRSL	Christian Road Safety League
CIRMA	Conférence de Institutos Religiosos de México	COEMAR	Commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations	CRU	Centre Religieux Universitaire
CIS	Catholic Immigrant Service	COEMAS	Congress on Evangelism for Malaysia and Singapore	CRWM	Christian Reformed World Missions
CISL	Confederazione Italiana Sindacati Lavoratori	COFAE	Co-ordinating Office for Asian Evangelism	CS	Scalabrinians (Congregation of the Missionary Fathers of St. Charles)
CISM	Conferenza Italiana dei Superiori Maggiori	COFE	Church of England	CSB	Basilians (Congregation of St Basil)
CISR	Conférence Internationale de Sociologie Religieuse	COG	Church of God	CSC	Christian Service Committee of the Churches of Malawi
CITA	Communications Institute of the Americas	COG	Church of God	CSC	Christian Students Council
CITC	Christian Industrial Training Center	COG	Church of God	CSC	Confédération des Syndicats Chrétiens de Belgique
CITC	Christian International Travel Club	COG	Church of God	CSC	Council of Swaziland Churches
CJ	Josephite Fathers (Congregation of St Joseph)	COG	Church of God	CSC	Holy Cross Fathers (Congregation of the Holy Cross)
CJA	Christlich-Judische Arbeitsgemeinschaft in der Schweiz	COG	Church of God in Christ	CSCU	Civil Service Christian Union
CJC	Conseil de la Jeunesse Catholique	COG	Church of God World Missions	CSCW	Church Society for College Work
CJCLD	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons)	COJO	World Conference of Jewish Organizations	CSF	Congregazione della Sacra Famiglia di Bergamo
CJM	Eudists (Congregation of Jesus and Mary)	COLJCB	Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Bickertonites)	CSI	Centro Sportivo Italiano
CJPM	Central Japan Pioneer Mission	COM	Centro de Orientação Missionária	CSI	Christian Safety Index
CJSS	Conference on Jewish Social Studies	COMBASE	Misión Boliviana de Acción Social Evangélica	CSI	Church of South India
CLA	Church of the Lord Aladura	COMIBAM	Ibero-American Missions Congress	CSJ	Josephites of Murialdo (Congregation of St Joseph)
CLADE	Congreso Latinoamericano de Evangelización	COMIBAM	Ibero-American Missions Committee	CSM	Christian Socialist Movement
CLAF	Comité Latinoamericano de la Fé	COMINA	Conselho Missionário Nacional	CSM	Church of Scotland Mission
CLAI	Concilio Latinoamericano de Iglesias	CON	Church of the Nazarene	CSM	Charles Simpson Ministries
CLAIM	Christian Literature Association in Malawi	CONC	Confederación Cubana de Religiosos	CSP	Centre Social Protestant
CLAL	Coopération des Laïques en Amérique Latine	CONDOR	Confederación Dominicana de Religiosos	CSP	Paulists (Congregation of Missionary Priests of St Paul the Apostle)
CLAME	Comunidad Latinoamericana de Ministerios Evangélicos	CONELA	Confederación Latinoamericana	CSS	Stigmata (Congregation of the Sacred Stigmata)
CLAR	Confederación Latino Americana de Religiosos	CONELCO	Conseil des Eglises Libres du Congo	CSSM	Children's Special Service Mission
CLAST	Latin American Federation of Christian Trade Unions	CONF	conference	CSSp	Spiritans (Congregation of the Holy Ghost and the Immaculate Heart of Mary)
CLAT	Latin American Federation of Workers	CONF	Conférence Argentina de Religiosas	CSsR	Redemptorists (Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer)
CLATT	Comité Latinoamericano de Textos Teológicos	CONF	Conférence de Religiosos	CSSR	Redemptorists
CLB	Church of the Lutheran Brethren	CONF	Conférence Española de Religiosos	CSsS	Brigittines (Congregation of the Most Holy Savior)
CLC	Christian Literature Crusade/Crociata del Libro Cristiano	CONF	Conférence Nacional Nicaraguense de Institutos Religiosos	CSV	Clerics of St Viator
CLIM	Centro Laici Italiani per le Missioni	CONF	Conférence de Religiosos de Chile	CSWE	Centre for the Study of World Evangelization
CLS	Christian Literature Society	CONF	Conférence de Religiosos y Religiosas de Guatemala	CT	Christusträger
CLSA	Canon Law Society of America	CONF	Confederación de Religiosos de El Salvador	CT	Christianity Today
CLSA	Christian Literature Service Association	CONF	Conférence Venezolana de Religiosos	CTCG	Centrale des Travailleurs Chrétiens de la Guyane
CM	Lazarists (Congregation of the Mission), Vincentians	CONF	Calasantini (Congregation of St Joseph Calasantius for Christian Works)	CTCH	Centro de Teología e Ciencias Humanas
CM	Calvary Ministries (Nigeria)	CONF	Colège pour l'Amérique Latine	CTEN	Council for Theological Education in Nigeria
CMA	Church Music Association	CONF	Cadena de Ondas Populares Españolas	CTF	Catholic Teachers' Federation of England and Wales
CMA	Christian and Missionary Alliance	CONF	Conselho Português de Igrejas Cristãs	CTIC	Centrale Technique d'Information Catholique

CTS Catholic Truth Society
 CTS College Theology Society
 CTSA Catholic Theological Society of America
 CTV Centro Televisivo Vaticano
 CUAMM Collegio Universitario Aspiranti Medici Missionaria
 CUC Church Unity Commission
 CUC Churches' Unity Commission
 CUEJ Centre Universitaire d'Etudes Juives
 CUF Citizens United for Faith
 CUFF Catholics United for the Faith
 CUMIF Collegio Universitario Missionario Internazionale Femminile
 CURBZ Church of Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, and Zaire
 CUSIC Comité Unitario de los Sindicalistas Cristianos
 CUWE Charismatics United for World Evangelization
 CV/AV Coeurs Vaillants (boys)/Ames Vaillantes (girls)
 CVM Vincentian Congregation of Malabar (Congregazione Vincenziana Malabarese)
 CVOUSB Congregazione Benedettina Vallombrosana
 CWA Concerned Women for America
 CWC Commission on World Concerns
 CWCs Christian World Communions
 CWI Christian Witness to Israel
 CWM Christian Workers' Movement
 CWM Council for World Mission
 CWM Commission on World Missions
 CWME Commission on World Mission and Evangelism
 CWN Christian Weekly Newspapers
 CWR Crusade for World Revival
 CWS Church World Service
 CYFA Church Youth Fellowship Association

D

D diocese, eparchy
 DAWN Discipling a Whole Nation
 DCC Délégation Catholique pour la Coopération
 DCG Deutsche Christentums-gesellschaft
 DCL doctor of canon law
 DD doctor of divinity
 DEA Deutsche Evangelische Allianz
 DEC Departamento de Educación
 DECOS Departamento de Comunicación Social
 DEFAP Département Evangélique Français d'Action Apostolique
 DEMECOS Departamento de Medios de Comunicación Social
 DESAL Centro para la Desarrollo Económico y Social de América Latina
 DFI Dialogue with People of Living Faiths and Ideologies
 DFM Division of Foreign Missions
 DGI Council of Churches in Indonesia
 DIA Difusiones Interamericanas
 DIAL Documentation et Information sur l'Amérique Latine
 DICARWS Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee, and World Service
 DKR Deutscher Koordinierungsrat der Gesellschaften für Christlich-Jüdische Zusammenarbeit
 DLBC Deeper Life Bible Church (Nigeria)
 DLM Danish Lutheran Mission
 DM Dorothea Mission
 DMA Diocesan Missionary Association
 DMC Departamento de Misiones
 DMin doctor of ministry
 DMiss doctor of missiology
 DMS Danish Missionary Society
 DNR David Nunn Revivals, USA
 DOM Division of Overseas Ministries, NCCUSA
 DOPAS Departamento de Opinión Pública del Arzobispado de Santiago
 DRC Dutch Reformed Church
 DRCM Dutch Reformed Church Mission
 DSS doctor of sacred scripture
 DTLM Door to Life Ministries
 DU Dienste in Übersee
 DVS Dominion Video Satellite
 DW Diakonisches Werk
 DWME Division of World Mission and Evangelism
 DZINTARS Latvian Catholic Student Association

E

E east, eastern
 E exarchate
 E-2000 Evangelization 2000
 EA exarchate apostolic
 EA Evangelical Alliance
 EAB Evangelische Arbeitnehmerbewegung in Deutschland
 EAC Evangelical Association of the Caribbean
 EACA East Africa Christian Alliance
 EACC East Asia Christian Conference
 EACCSE Ecumenical Advisory Council for Church Service in Egypt
 EAD Evangelical Alliance of Denmark
 EAF Evangelismo a Fondo (Evangelism-in-Depth)
 EAFJ Evangelischer Arbeitskreis für Jugendführung
 EAGB Evangelical Alliance of Great Britain
 EAGWM Evangelische Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Weltmission
 EAL Evangelischer Arbeitskreis Lichtbild
 EAM Evangelical Association of Malawi
 EAREC East Africa Religious Education Committee
 EASPI Evangelical Alliance of the South Pacific Islands

EBF European Baptist Federation
 EBM Evangelical Baptist Mission
 ECAM Enseignement Catholique au Maroc
 ECC Evangelical Covenant Church
 ECCA Evangelical Covenant Church of America
 ECCLA Latin American Catholic Charismatic Renewal
 ECCC Ecumenical Council of Churches in Yugoslavia
 ECD Ecumenical Council of Denmark
 ECF Episcopal Charismatic Fellowship
 ECF Evangelize China Fellowship
 ECFA Ecumenical Council for Financial Accountability
 ECHL Ecumenical Council of Hungarian Churches
 ECI Evangelical Church of India
 ECI Episcopal Conference of Ireland
 ECJME Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East
 ECL Episcopal Conference of Lesotho
 ECLA Evangelical Committee for Latin America
 ECLOF Ecumenical Church Loan Fund
 ECM Episcopal Conference of Malawi
 ECM European Christian Mission
 ECFM Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus
 ECOC Evangelical Churchmen's Ordination Council
 ECUMEDIA Ecumenical Media Services
 ECUSA Episcopal Church in the USA
 ECUSAT Ecumenical Satellite Commission
 ECWA Evangelical Church of West Africa
 ECZ Eglise du Christ au Zaïre
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 EEA European Evangelical Alliance
 EES Entraide Educative et Sociale
 EES European Evangelistic Society
 EF Elim Fellowship/Elim Pentecostal Churches
 EFA Evangelical Fellowship of Asia
 EFAC Evangelical Fellowship of the Anglican Communion
 EFB Evangelical Fellowship of Botswana
 EFCA Evangelical Free Church of America
 EFE Evangelical Fellowship of Egypt
 EPGA Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance
 EFI Evangelical Fellowship of India
 EFK Evangelical Fellowship of Kenya
 EFL Economic Freedom Level
 EFMA Evangelical Foreign Missions Association
 EFMA Evangelical Fellowship of Mission Agencies
 EFOS Evangelical Fellowship of Singapore
 EFP Evangelical Fellowship of Pakistan
 EFR Evangelical Fellowship of Rhodesia
 EFS Swedish Evangelical Mission
 EFSA Evangelical Fellowship of South Africa
 EFSP Evangelical Fellowship of the South Pacific
 EFT Evangelical Fellowship of Thailand
 EFV Evangelical Fellowship of Viet Nam
 EFZ Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia
 EHC Every Home Crusade
 EHC Every Home for Christ
 EID Evangelism-in-Depth
 EIRENE International Christian Service for Peace
 EJCSK Eglise de Jésus-Christ sur la Terre par le Prophète Simon Kimbangu
 EKD Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland
 EKV Evangelische Kirche der Union
 EL elevation (above sea level)
 ELC Evangelical Lutheran Church
 ELCA Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
 ELCE Evangelical Lutheran Church of Estonia
 ELCL Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia
 ELCT Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania
 ELFEA Evangelical Literature Fellowship of East Africa
 ELFI Evangelical Literature Fellowship of India
 ELK Evangelish Lutherische Kirche
 ELO Evangelical Literature Overseas
 ELWA Eternal Love Winning Africa
 EMA Elim Missionary Assemblies
 EMA Evangelical Missionary Alliance
 EMB Evangelical Missions Board
 EMBMC Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities

EMC Evangelical Mennonite Church
 EMI Editrice Missionaria Italiana
 EMI Edizioni Missionarie Italiane
 EMI Ent'raide Missionnaire Internationale
 EMIS Evangelical Missions Information Service
 EMQ Evangelical Missions Quarterly
 EMS Evangelical Missionary Society
 EMS Evangelical Missiological Society
 ENA Evangelischer Nachrichtendienst in der DDR
 EOC Ethiopian Orthodox Church
 EP Ecumenical Patriarchate
 EP Equipes Populaires
 EPC Elim Pentecostal Churches
 EPC Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople
 EPF European Pentecostal Fellowship
 EPIS Enseignement par l'Image et par le Son
 EPS Ecumenical Press Service
 ERA Educational (Renewal) Agency
 ERBOL Escuelas Radiofónicas de Bolivia
 ERF Educational Renewal Fund
 ERV English Revised Version (of the Bible)
 ESA Evangelization Society of Australia
 ESCEAL Estudios Sociológicos del Cristianismo Evangélico en América Latina

ESG Evangelische Studentengemeinde in Österreich
 ESII Ecumenical Social & Industrial Institute
 ESP Ecumenical Sharing of Personnel
 ESP extra-sensory perception (telepathy)
 esp especially
 ESYSME Ecumenical Secretariat for Youth and Students of the Middle East
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 ETS Evangelical Theological Society
 EUB Evangelical United Brethren
 EUREC Europe Regional Center, UBS
 EUSA Evangelical Union of South America
 eV eingetragener Verein (registered society) (Germany)
 Ev-1 Evangelisch-lutherische
 Ev-L Evangelsch-Luthensche
 EVAF Evangelismo a Fondo (Evangelism-in-Depth)
 EWIBM East & West Indies Bible Mission
 ex out of, from (used in this Encyclopedia exclusively of schisms or secessions)
 EYCE Ecumenical Youth Council in Europe
 EYS Ecumenical Youth Service
 EZA Evangelische Alliantie (Netherlands)
 EZE Evangelische Zentralstelle für Entwicklungshilfe

F

FABF Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences
 FAIE Federación Argentina de Iglesias Evangélicas
 FALMI Francescane Ausiliarie Laiche Missionarie Immacolata
 FAO Food and Agriculture Organization
 FASE Federação de Órgãos para Assistência Social e Educacional
 FAST Association for Final Advance of Scripture Translation
 FBC Freewill Baptist Church
 FBF see OH
 FBM French Bible Mission
 FC Figli della Carità
 FCA Fellowship of Christian Athletes
 FCAC Federal Council of African Churches
 FCC Fiji Council of Churches
 FCCS Fellowship of Christian Churches in Samoa
 FCEI Federazione delle Chiese Evangeliche in Italia
 FCFC Free Church Federal Council
 FCIC Federal Catholic Immigration Committee
 FCME Federación Católica de los Maestros Españoles Canossians (Congregation of Sons of Charity)
 FdCC Brothers of Mercy
 FDM Brothers of Divine Providence
 FDP Father Divine Peace Mission Movement
 FDPMM Far East Apostolic Mission
 FEAM Federação Espírita Brasileira
 FEB Far East Broadcasting Association
 FEBE Far East Broadcasting Company
 FEBEC Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches
 FEBEC Federación Boliviana de Educación Católica
 FEC Fédération des Enseignements Catholiques
 FECC Fédération des Eglises Chrétiennes du Congo
 FECCC Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches
 FECEI Fédération Evangélique de Côte d'Ivoire
 FECEI Federation of Evangelical Churches of India
 FECOR Federación Costarricense de Religiosos
 FECUN Federación Española Comunidades Universitarias
 FEDAAS Federación Española de Asociaciones de Asistentes Sociales
 FEDAE Federazione Istituti Dipendenti della Autorità Ecclesiastica
 FEDEMEC Federación Misionera Evangélica Costarricense
 FEDEPAR Federación de Religiosos y Religiosas de Panamá
 FEECA Europäische Federation für Katholische Erziehungsbildung
 FEET Fédération des Eglises Evangéliques du Tchad
 FEGC Far Eastern Gospel Crusade
 FELCSA Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Southern Africa
 FEM Federación Evangélica de México
 FEME Fédération des Eglises et Missions Evangéliques en Haute-Volta
 FEMEC Fédération des Eglises et Missions Evangéliques du Cameroun
 FENEC Federación Nicaraguense Educación Católica
 FEPS Fédération des Eglises Protestantes de la Suisse
 FERER Federación Española de Religiosos de Enseñanza
 FEREC Federación de Religiosos de Costa Rica
 FERELPAR Federación de Religiosos del Paraguay
 FERES Fédération Internationale des Instituts de Recherches Socio-Religieuses
 FERVE Federación de Religiosos de Venezuela
 FES Fraternité Evangélique du Sénégal
 FFF Free Farmers' Federation
 FFFM Finnish Free Foreign Mission
 FFKM Fédération Chrétien de Madagascar
 FFM Fellowship of Faith for the Muslim
 FFNI Fellowship for Neighbors India
 FFPM Christian Council of Madagascar
 FFSC Fratelli Francescani della Santa Croce (Treviri)
 FFSI Fratelli Figli di San Giuseppe del Rwanda (Bayozefiti)
 FFW Federation of Free Workers
 FGBMFI Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International
 FGC Friends General Conference
 FGER Federación Guatemalteca de Escuelas Radiofónicas
 FHSC Fédération Haitienne des Syndicats Chrétiens
 FI Frontiers International
 FIAC Fédération Internationale des Agences Catholiques de Presse

FIAMC	International Federation of Associations of Catholic Doctors	GEM	Gospel Extension Ministry		Broadcasting
FIC	Brothers of the Immaculate Conception (Fratelli dell' Immacolata Concezione di Maastricht)	GEM	Group on Education for Mission	ICCC	International Confederation of Catholic Charities (Caritas)
FIC	Fédération des Instituteurs Chrétiens de Belgique	GEM	Greater Europe Mission	ICCC	International Council of Christian Churches
FICEP	Fédération Internationale Catholique d'Education Physique et Sportive	GEMS	Global Evangelization Movement	ICCFM	International Confederation of Christian Family Movements
FICIR	Federazione Italiana Centre e Instituts per la Riabilitazione	GF	Gospel Echoing Missionary Society	ICCOWE	International Charismatic Consultation on World Evangelization
FICP	Institute of Brothers of Christian Instruction of Ploërmel	GFA	Graduates' Fellowship	ICCP	International Congress of Christian Physicians
FIDJC	Fédération Internationale des Journalistes Catholiques	GFF	Gospel For Asia	ICCRO	International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office
FIDJC	Fédération Internationale des Directeurs de Journaux Catholiques	GFS	Gospel Furthering Fellowship	ICEBS	International Conference of Evangelical Bible Societies
FIEC	Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches	GGMS	Girls Friendly Society	ICFG	International Church of the Foursquare Gospel
FIEU	Federación de Iglesias Evangélicas del Uruguay	GHM	Gospel Gypsy Missionary Society	ICG	Institute of Church Growth
FIH	Fédération des Institutions Hospitalières	GIPC	German Hermannsburg Mission	ICI	Interamerican Cooperative Institute
FIHC	Fédération Internationale des Hommes Catholiques	GISC	Gilbert Islands Protestant Church	ICI	Interkerkelijk Contact Israel
FIMCAP	Fédération Internationale des Communautés de Jeunesse Catholique Paroissiales	GKAM	Confédération Internationale du Guidisme	ICI	International Correspondence Institute
FIPC	Fédération Internationale des Pharmaciens Catholiques	GLAM	Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland	ICIA	Información Católica Ibero-americana
FIRAS	Federazione Italiana Religiose Assistenza Sociale	GmbH	Gruppo Laici Attività Missionaria	ICTE	International Conference for Itinerant Evangelists
FIUC	Fédération Internationale des Universités Catholiques	GME	Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung (= Limited, Incorporated) (Germany)	ICJ	Internationaler Christlicher Jugendaustausch
FKG	Frikyrkliga Gymnasistorelsen	GMF	Globe Missionary Evangelism	ICLM	International Christian Leadership Movement
FLOD	Society for Liturgy and Drama	GMI	German Missionary Fellowship	ICM	Instituto de Capacitación Misionera
FM	frequency modulation	GNP	Global Mapping International	ICM	Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
FMA	France Mission Trust	GOC	Global Mapping Project	ICMA	International Christian Maritime Association
FMB	Foreign Missions Association	GOM	Gospel Missionary Union	ICMC	International Catholic Migration Commission
FMB-SBC	Foreign Mission Board	GOP	Gospel Multimedia Workers Association	ICMICA	International Catholic Movement for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs (Pax Romana)
FMC	Free Methodist Church	GOWE	Good News Bible	ICO	International Communications Office
FMI	Sons of Mary Immaculate (Chavagne Fathers)	GR	gross national product	ICODES	Instituto Colombiano de Desarrollo Social
FMI	Foursquare Missions International	GRI	Greek Orthodox Church	ICOM	International Congress on Missions
FMJC	Fédération Mondiale de Jeunesse Catholique	GVE	Global Outreach Mission	ICOWE	International Congress on World Evangelization
FMJFC	Federación Mundial de la Juventud Femenina Católica	HAESA	Groupe Oecuménique de Pastorale	ICPE	International Catholic Programme of Evangelization
FMM	Fratelli della Misericordia	HANSEA	Gabriel Olasoji World Evangelism	ICRA	International Catholic Rural Association
FMM	Franciscan Missionaries of Mary	HB	Gospel Recordings	ICS	Intercontinental Church Society
FMPB	Friends Missionary Prayer Band	HCJB	Gospel Recordings International	ICU	International Christian University
FMS	Finnish Missionary Society	HCMS	Global Village Evangelism	ICUI	Instituto Católico Uruguayo de Inmigración
FMS	Marist Brothers	HDI		ICUIS	Institute on the Church in Urban-Industrial Society
FMS	Sons of Mary, Health of the Sick	HEKS	Hilfswerk der Evangelischen Kirchen der Schweiz	ICUSR	Interchurch Committee on Urban Squatter Resettlement
FMSI	Figli di Santa Maria Immacolata	HELVETIAS	Associazione Svizzera di Assistenza Tecnica	ICVA	International Council of Voluntary Agencies
FNIRF	Federação Nacional dos Institutos Religiosos Femininos	HFI	Human Freedom Index	ICYE	International Christian Youth Exchange
FNP	Fédération Nationale des Patros Masculins de Belgique	HHI	Habitat for Humanity International	IDAC	International Development Assistance Commission
FNPF	Fédération Nationale des Patros de Jeunes Filles	HIALT	Haggai Institute for Advanced Leadership Training	IDER	Instituto de Educación Rural
FOCSIV	Federazione Organizzazioni Cristiane di Servizio Internazionale Volontario	HKACM	Hong Kong Association of Christian Missions	IDESAC	Instituto para el Desarrollo Económico Social de América Central
FOCUS	Fellowship of Christian Unions	HKBP	Batak Protestant Christian Church	IDI	Instituto de Desenvolvimento Integral
FOI	Formation Oecuménique Interconfessionnelle	HKCC	Hong Kong Christian Council	IDOC	International Documentation on the Contemporary Church
FOM	Fellowship of Missions	HKCCCU	Hong Kong Chinese Christian Churches Union	IDUM	Interdenominational Directors of Urban Missions
FONCABA	Fondation Catholique des Bourses pour Etudiants Africains	HKCEC	Hong Kong Catholic Education Council	IEB	Irish Evangelistic Band
FOR	Fellowship of Reconciliation	HKFCS	Hong Kong Federation of Catholic Students	IEM	Indian Evangelical Mission
FPC	Free Protestant Church	HLW	Here's Life World	IEME	Instituto Español de San Francisco Javier para Misiones Extranjeras (Burgos Foreign Mission Society)
FPCGI	Fellowship of the Pentecostal Churches of God in India	HOACF	Herrnradn Obrero de Acción Católica Femenina	IER	Instituto de Educación Rural
FPF	Fédération Protestante de France	HOACM	Herrnradn Obrero de Acción Católica Masculina	IET	Indian Evangelical Team
FR	Freiburger Rundbrief	HOPE	Help Open Paths to Evangelize	IFCO	Inter-Religious Foundation for Community Organization
FRU	Federación de Religiosos del Uruguay	HOREMCO	Hokkaido Radio Evangelism Mass Communications	IFES	International Fellowship of Evangelical Students
FS	Fathers of Zion	HQ	headquarters	IFFEC	International Federation of Free Evangelical Churches
FSA	Family and Social Action	HSAUWC	Holy Spirit Association for Unification of World Christianity	IFMA	Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association
FSC	Brothers of Christian Schools (de la Salle Brothers)	HSI	Human Suffering Index	IFMR	Issachar Frontier Missions Research
FSC	Fédération des Scouts Catholiques	IAD	Institut des Arts et Diffusion	IFOR	International Fellowship of Reconciliation
FSCI	Figli del Sacro Cuore di Gesu	IAHR	International Association for the History of Religions	IPOTES	International Federation for Services of Emergency Telephonic Help
FSCJ	Verona Fathers, Combonians (Sons of the Sacred Heart)	IALC	International Association for Liberal Christianity and Religious Freedom	IFR	instrument flight rules (blind flying)
FSF	Brothers of the Holy Family of Belley	IAM	International Afghan Mission	IGL	International Gospel League
FSG	Brothers of St Gabriel	IAML	International Association of Music Libraries	IGO	intergovernmental organization
FSJU	Fonds Social Jurf Unifié	IAMS	International Association for Mission Studies	IHCA	International Hebrew Christian Alliance
FSMI	Congregation of Sons of Mary Immaculate	IAMS	Inter-American Missionary Society	IHCF	International Hospital Christian Fellowship
FSMS	Fédération des Services Médico-Sociaux	IARF	International Association for Religious Freedom	IHECS	Institut des Hautes Etudes des Communications Sociales
FUACE	Fédération Universelle des Associations Chrétiennes d'Etudiants	IARSC	International Association of Religious Science Churches	IHEU	International Humanist & Ethical Union
FUCI	Federazione Universitaria Cattolica Italiana	IASOT	International Association for the Study of the Old Testament	IHM	International Holiness Mission
FUM	Friends United Mission	IBCC	India Bible Christian Council	IJA	Institute of Jewish Affairs
FWCC	Friends World Committee for Consultation	IBETE	Instituto Batista de Educação Teológica por Extensão	IJFM	International Journal of Frontier Missions
FWCC	Friends World Committee for Consultation	IBMR	International Bulletin of Missionary Research	IKOR	Interkerkelijk Overlag in Radio Aangelegenheden
G		IBO	Associazione Internazionale dei Soci Costruttori	IKUE	International Union of Catholic Esperantists
GAM	Gruppi Appoggio Missionario	IBPFM	Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions	ILAFO	International League for Apostolic Faith & Order
GARB	General Association of Regular Baptists	IBPM	Indo-Burma Pioneer Mission	ILC	International Lutheran Conference
GB	Great Britain	IBRA	International Bible Reading Association	ILM	Institute of Labor and Management
GBC	Ghana Bishops' Conference	IBRA	International Broadcasting Association	ILP	Instituto Latinoamericano de Liturgia Pastoral
GBU	Gruppi Biblici Universitari (IFES)	IBS	International Bible Society	IM	Inlandische Mission
GBUAF	Groupes Bibliques Universitaires d'Afrique Francophone	IBSA	International Bible Students Association	IM	International Missions
GCC	Guyana Council of Churches	IBT	Institute for Bible Translation (Sweden)	IMA	India Missions Association
GCF	Graduates Christian Fellowship	IC	Rosminians (Institute of Charity)	IMB	International Mission Board
GCOWE	Global Consultation on World Evangelization by AD 2000 & Beyond	IC	International Crusades	IMBISA	Interterritorial Meeting of Bishops in Southern Africa
GCP	Guild of Catholic Psychiatrists	ICA	Inter-Church Aid	IMC	Consolata Fathers (Consolata Society for Foreign Missions)
GCPC	Great Commission Prayer Crusade	ICAB	Igreja Católica Apostólica Brasileira	IMC	International Missionary Council
GCUC	Ghana Church Union Committee	ICCRS	International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services	IMC	International Missionary Congress
GEF	Ghana Evangelical Fellowship	ICB	International Christian Broadcasters	IMCA	Indo-Maurician Catholic Association
GELC	Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church	ICC	International Congregational Council	IMCS	International Movement of Catholic Students (Pax Romana)
		ICC	Iran Council of Churches	IME	Institut Médical Evangélique
		ICC	Irish Council of Churches	IMF	Indonesia Missionary Fellowship
		ICCB	International Committee for Christian	IMHEKD	Innere Mission und Hilfswerk der EKD
				IMI	International Missions
				IMPL	Informations Missionnaires pour Laics
				IMRA	International Mission Radio Association

IMS Icelandic Missionary Society
 IMS Indian Missionary Society
 IMU Irish Missionary Union
 INADES Institut Africain pour le Développement Economique et Social
 INAP Instituto Nacional de Acción Poblacional Incorporated (USA, UK, et al)
 INC Iglesia ni Cristo
 INCAMI Instituto Católico Chileno de Migración
 INCUPO Instituto de Cultura Popular
 INEL Instituto Nacional de Estudios Litúrgicos
 INF International Nepal Fellowship
 INODEP Institut Oecuménique au Service du Développement des Peuples
 INTA International New Thought Association
 INTA International New Thought Alliance
 INTERFILM International Inter-Church Film Centre
 INVICTA Instituto de Vivienda Caritas
 IOCCB International Old Catholic Bishops Conference
 IOM India Outreach Missions
 IOMCC Isle of Man Council of Churches
 IPA International Pentecostal Assemblies
 IPAS Instituto di Patronato per l'Assistenza Sociale
 IPC Indian Pentecostal Church
 IPHC International Pentecostal Holiness Church
 IPLAJ Instituto de Pastoral Latinoamericano de la Juventud
 IPRU Instituto de Promoción Económico-Social de Uruguay
 IRAM Institut de Recherche et d'Application des Méthodes de Développement
 IRAM International Reformed Agency for Migration
 IRETI Interdiocesan Religious Education Training Institute
 IRFED Institut International de Recherches et de Formation en vue du Développement
 IRM International Review of Mission(s)
 IRO Inter-Religious Organization of Trinidad and Tobago
 IRO International Research Office
 ISAC Institute for Social Action in China
 ISAL Iglesia y Sociedad en América Latina
 ISAV Instituto de Sistemas Audiovisuales
 ISBC International Society of Bible Collectors
 ISCF Inter-Schools Christian Fellowship
 ISCO Institut Supérieur de Culture Ouvrière
 ISF International Spiritualist Federation
 ISFM International Society of Frontier Missiology
 ISI International Students, Inc.
 ISO Institute of Social Order
 ISRR Institute of Social and Religious Research
 ISTEP Instituto Superior de Teología Pastoral
 IT International Teams
 ITCA Independent Television Companies Association
 ITECIC Instituto de Teología e de Ciencias de Comportamento Humano
 ITECO Coopération Technique Internationale
 ITER Instituto de Teología de Recife
 IULCW International Union of Liberal Christian Women
 IURD Igreja Universal do Reino de Deus
 IVCF Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship
 IVF Inter-Varsity Fellowship
 IVMF Inter-Varsity Missionary Fellowship
 IVP Inter-Varsity Press
 IWM Interchurch World Movement
 IZA Institut für Internationale Zusammenarbeit

J

J jurisdiction
 JAARS Jungle Aviation and Radio Service
 JAC Juventud Agrária Católica
 JAC/F Jeunesse Agricole Chrétienne/Filles
 JAD Jeunesse Agricole pour le Développement
 JAM Joint Action for Mission
 JBU Jamaica Baptist Union
 JC Jesus Christ, Jésus-Christ, Jesu Cristo
 JCA Joint Church Aid
 JCC Jamaica Council of Churches
 JCEA Jamaica Catholic Education Association
 JCM Standing Conference of Jews, Christian and Muslims in Europe
 JCMC Japan Catholic Migration Commission
 JEA Japan Evangelical Association
 JEB Japan Evangelistic Band
 JEC Juventud Estudiantil Católica
 JEC/F Jeunesse Etudiante Chrétienne/Filles
 JEF Japan Evangelical Fellowship
 JEM Jerusalem and the East Mission
 JEMA Japan Evangelical Missionary Association
 JESCOM International Jesuit Centre for Social Communication
 JESSYC Junta Evangélica de Servicio Social y Cultural
 JEW Jewish Evangelical Witness
 JFJ Jews for Jesus
 JIC/F Jeunesse Indépendante Chrétienne/Filles
 JICI Jeunesse Indépendante Catholique Internationale
 JK Jesus Kristus (German)
 JKPS Jatiyo Kristiyo Prochar Samity
 JOC Juventud Obrera Cristiana
 JOC/F Jeunesse Ouvrière Chrétienne/Filles
 JOCI Jeunesse Ouvrière Internationale
 JPC Japan Protestant Council
 JPIC Justice, Peace & the Integrity of Creation
 JRSK Joint Refugee Services of Kenya
 JS Jehovah Shammah
 JSAC Joint Strategy and Action Committee
 JSM Jimmy Swaggart Ministries

JTC Juventud Trabajadora Colombiana
 JUC Jeunesse Universitaire Catholique
 JUC Juventud Universitaria Cristiana
 JUDCA Christian Democratic Youth of Latin America
 JUM Joint Urban Ministry
 JUMP Joint Urban Mission Program
 JW Jehovah's Witnesses

K

K&S Kerubu ati (&) Serafu
 KAATS Korean Association of Accredited Theological Schools
 KAB Katholische Arbeiterbewegung
 KAB Katholische Arbeiter und Angestelltenbewegung
 KAB Katholische Arbeitnehmer-Bewegung
 KALM Kenya Association for Liturgical Music
 KAVA Korean Association of voluntary Agencies
 KBS Katholieke Bijbelstichting
 KCBAC Kenya Christian Broadcasting Advisory Committee
 KCES Katholieke Centrale Emigratiestichting
 KCMC Korean Catholic Migration Commission
 KCMS Kenya Church Music Society
 KCTPF Kenya Christian Teachers' Prayer Fellowship
 KCWM Korea Catholic Workers Movement
 KDSE Katholische Deutsche Studenten-Einigung
 KEC Kenya Episcopal Conference
 KEF Himalaya Evangelical Fellowship
 KEK Konferenz Europäischer Kirchen
 KEP Polish Episcopal Conference
 KESPEKRI Indonesian Federation of Christian Workers' Associations
 KFD Katholische Fernseharbeit in Deutschland
 KHCF Kenya Hospitals Christian Fellowship
 KHJO Katholische Hochschuljugend Österreichs
 KIM Korean International Mission
 KIIPA Katholische Internationale Press-Agentur
 KJR Katholische Jeugdraad
 KJV King James Version (of the Bible)
 KLJB Katholische Landjugendbewegung
 KLO Katholische Lehrerschaft Österreichs
 KLS Katholischer Lehrerverein der Schweiz
 KLS Katholischer Südtiroler Lehrerbund
 KM Korea Mission
 km kilometre
 km2 square kilometres
 KNA Katholische Nachrichten Agentur
 KNBTN Katholieke Nederlandse Boeren en Tuindersbond
 KOV Katholieke Ondernemersverbond
 KRO Stichting Katholieke Radio-Omroep
 KSCF Kenya Students Christian Fellowship
 KSZ Katholische Sozialwissenschaftliche Zentralstelle
 KTRC Katholiek Televisie en Radio Centrum

L

L-2000 Lumen 2000
 LAACCA Latin American Alliance of Christian Churches
 LACS League of African Churches in Swaziland
 LAM Latin America Mission
 LAMAF Lafricasia Mission Advance Fellowship
 LAOS Laymen's Academy Oecumenical Studies
 LAPF Latin American Prayer Fellowship
 LB Living Bible
 LBI Living Bibles International
 LBMEC Liberian Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention
 LBT Lutheran Bible Translators
 LC Legionari di Cristo
 LC Lutheran Church
 LCA Lutheran Church in America
 LCBFM Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission
 LCGV Letzeburger Chrechtleche Gewerkschafts Verband
 LCIC Lutheran Council in Canada
 LCM London City Mission
 LCMC Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
 LCTF Lesotho Catholic Teachers Federation
 LCWE Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization
 LCWR Leadership Conference of Women Religious in the USA
 LDOS Lord's Day Observance Society
 LGS Latter-day Saints (Mormons)
 LEAL Literatura Evangélica para América Latina
 LEC Liga Escolar Católica
 LEF Liberia Evangelical Fellowship
 LEFF Liberia Evangelical Fundamental Fellowship
 LEM Lebanon Evangelical Mission
 LEMIK Let's Make It Known
 LESEA Lester Sumrall Evangelistic Association
 LEZA Librairie Evangélique au Zaire
 LIFE Lay Involvement for Evangelism (Campus Crusade for Christ)
 LL Latin Link (formerly EUSA, RBMU of UK)
 LLWEM Lin Liang Worldwide Evangelistic Mission
 LMS London Missionary Society
 LOAC Ligue Ouvrière d'Action Catholique
 LOC Liga Operária Católica
 LOCF Liga Opéraria Católica Feminina
 LPEA Luis Palau Evangelistic Association
 LPM Lakher Pioneer Mission
 LRCS League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
 LRY Liberal Religious Youth

Ltd Limited (UK)
 LWE Lutherans for World Evangelization
 LWF Lutheran World Federation
 LWR Lutheran World Relief
 LXX Septuagint (Greek Old Testament)

M

M metropolitan archdiocese or see: metropolia (when superior to D)
 M Mission (part of a title)
 m mission (sui juris)
 MA Missão Antioquia
 MAF Mission Aviation Fellowship
 MAP Medical Assistance Program
 MAP Medical Assistance Plan
 MARC machine-readable cataloging
 MARC Missions Advanced Research and Communication Center
 MATS Melanesian Association of Theological Schools
 MAWI General Conference of the Bishops of Indonesia
 MB Mission Bibleque
 MBCT Mennonite Brethren Church in India
 MBK Mission der Mädchenbibelkreise
 MC Missionary Church
 MC Missionaries of Charity
 MCA Methodist Church in Australasia
 MCA Metropolitan Church Association
 MCA Military Chaplains Association of the USA
 MCA Missionary Church Association
 MCATM Malta Catholic Action Teachers' Movement
 MCC Multilateral Church Conversation
 MCC Melanesian Council of Churches
 MCC Mennonite Central Committee
 MCI Methodist Church in India
 MCCA Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas
 MCCP Methodist Consultative Council of the Pacific
 MCGB Methodist Church of Great Britain
 MCLF Mennonite Christian Leadership Foundation
 MCM Maranatha Christian Ministries
 MCM Maranatha Campus Ministries International
 MCNA Mennonite Church of North America
 MCP Mouvement Chrétien pour la Paix
 MCSA Methodist Church in Southern Asia
 MCU Modern Churchmen's Union
 MCU Movimiento Católico Universitario
 MCWE Morris Cerullo World Evangelism
 MDiv master of divinity
 MEB Movimento de Educação Base
 MEC Movimento Estudantil Cristiano
 MECC Middle East Council of Churches
 MECCA Metropolitan Ecumenical Consultation on Christian Action
 MECO Middle East Christian Outreach
 MEF Malaysia Evangelistic Fellowship
 MEGM Middle East General Mission
 MEL Mission Enterprises Limited
 MELFC Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Free Churches
 MEM Mexican Evangelical Mission
 MEM Missionary Education Movement
 MEMA Modern Evangelistic Methods in Africa
 MEND Movement for Ecumenical Action in National Development
 MEP Paris Foreign Missions Society (Missions Etrangères de Paris)
 MEQ Quebec Foreign Mission Society
 MERU Maharishi European Research University
 MFC Movimiento Familiar Cristiano
 MFSC Missionaries Sons of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 MFSP Mission Franco-Suisse de Pentecôte
 MG Institute of Our Lady of Guadeloupe for Foreign Missions
 mgr monsignor, monseigneur
 MHA Mormon History Association
 MHM Mill Hill Fathers (St Joseph's Society for Foreign Missions of Mill Hill)
 MI Camillians (Order of St Camillus)
 MIAMSI Mouvement International d'Apostolat des Milieux Sociaux Indépendants
 MIB Missionary Information Bureau
 MIC Marian Fathers
 MIC Mouvement Chrétien des Indépendants et des Cadres
 MIC Movimiento de la Izquierda Cristiana
 MIDADE Mouvement International d'Apostolat des Enfants
 MIEC Movimiento Internacional de Estudiantes Católicos
 MIEPI Movimiento Iglesias Evangélicas Pentecostales Independientes
 MIIC Mouvement International des Intellectuels Catholiques
 MIJARC Mouvement International de la Jeunesse Agricole et Rurale Catholique
 MIND National Association for Mental Health
 MIPS million instructions per second
 MIR Mouvement International de la Réconciliation
 MIRO Muslim International Relief Organization
 MIRP Mission dans l'Industrie de la Région Parisienne
 MIVA Gruppo Austriaco di Lavoro per i Trasporti nelle Missioni
 MJ Josephites Missionaries of Mexico
 MJC Movimiento Juvenil Cristiano
 MM Missionaries of Maryknoll (Catholic Foreign Missionary Society of America)
 MMA Medical Missionary Association
 MMAC Movimento Maestri di Azione Cattolica

PFES	Pakistan Fellowship of Evangelical Students	SAC	Pallottines (Society of the Catholic Apostolate)		Secondaires Catholiques
PFI	Prison Fellowship International	SAC	Social Action Center	SIF	Service Incroyance-Foi
PFM	Marist Brothers (Little Brothers of Mary)	SACBC	Southern Africa Catholic Bishops' Conference	SIL	Summer Institute of Linguistics
PFNA	Pentecostal Fellowship of North America	SACC	South African Council of Churches	SIM	Sudan Interior Mission (SIM International)
PHAM	Private Hospital Association of Malawi	SACCC	South African Council of Christian Churches	SIPE	Servicio de Información Prensa y Espectáculos
PHC	Pentecostal Holiness Church	SACLA	South Africa Christian Leadership Assembly	SIRC	Servizio Informazioni Romano Cattolico
PHD	doctor of philosophy	SACP	Southern African Council of Priests	SJ	Jesuits (Society of Jesus)
PI	Programmed Instruction	SAGM	South Africa General Mission	SKAF	Schweizerische Katholische Arbeitsgemein- schaft für Fremdarbeiter
PI	Partners International (Christian Nationals Evangelism Commission)	SAIM	South America Indian Mission		Schweizerisches Katholisches Laienhelferwerk
PICEC	Pacific Islands Christian Education Council	SAM	Swedish Alliance Mission	SKLW	Sierra Leone Evangelical Fellowship
PIME	Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions (Pontificio Istituto Missioni Estere)	SAM	South America Mission	SLEF	Swedish Lutheran Mission
PISA	Priests' Institute for Social Action	SAMS	South American Missionary Society	SLM	Swiss Mission
PKE	Priesterkreise für Konziliare Erneuerung	SASRA	Soldiers' and Airmen's Scripture Readers' Association	SM	Marianist Fathers (Society of Mary)
PMCA	Pentecostal Mission Churches Association	SAVI	Service d'Accueil aux Voyageurs et aux Immigrants	SM(1)	Marist Fathers (Society of Mary)
PME	Foreign Missions Society, Province of Quebec	SB	Synod of Bishops	SM(2)	Société des Missions Africaines (African Missions Society of Lyons)
PMF	Philippine Missionary Fellowship	SBC	Southern Baptist Convention	SMA	Swiss Bethlehem Fathers (Missionary Society of Bethlehem in Switzerland)
PMU	Pontifical Missionary Union	SBF	Southern Baptist Foundation	SMB	Spanish Missionaries of Burgos (Spanish Institute of St Francis Xavier for the Foreign Missions)
PMV	Pro Mundi Vita	SBI	Society of Biblical Literature	SMI	Montfort Fathers (Company of Mary)
PMW	Pontifical Missionary Works	SBLE	Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis	SMP	Portuguese Society for Foreign Missions/Portuguese Missionary Society
PN	prelature (prelacy) nullius	SBU	Sociedades Bíblicas Unidas (UBS)	SMST	Società Missioni di San Tomaso Apostolo di Palai
PNCC	Polish National Catholic Church	SC	Sacred Congregation (in Rome)	SNC	Secretariat for Non-Christians
PNCEA	Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association	SC	Sacré-Coeur	SNE	Service National d'Emigration
PPC	Propaganda Popular Católica	SC	Brothers of the Sacred Heart (Fratelli del Sacro Cuore)	SNEC	Secrétariat National de l'Enseignement Catholique
PPP	Discoteca Pax, Centro Propaganda Popular Católica	SCA	Student Christian Association	SNPS	Secretariado Nacional de Pastoral Social
PRE	Polish Ecumenical Council	SCAD	Société Civile et Agricole de Dzoghégan	SNTS	Studiorum Nove Testamenti Societas
PSA	Paraboles et Symboles pour Aujourd'hui	SCC	Scottish Churches Council	SNU	Spiritualists National Union
PSS	Sulpicians (Society of the Priests of St Sulpice)	SCC	Swaziland Conference of Churches	SOC	Cistercian Order of the Common Observance
PSSC	Missionari di San Carlo (Scalabrinians)	SCEM	Singapore Center for Evangelism and Missions	SOEPA	Committee on Society, Development and Peace
PTFWR	Philadelphia Task Force on Women in Religion	SCEP	Sacred Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples	SOJEMO	Ecumenical Office for Students and Youth in the Middle East
PTL	Pocket Testament League	SCJ	Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart	SOMA	Sharing of Ministries Abroad
PTS	Protestant Truth Society	SCJ	Priests of the Sacred Heart (Betharram)	SORPE	Servico de Orientação Rural de Pernambuco
PUCRGS	Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul	SCJ	Society of the Sacred Heart of the Infant Jesus	SP	Piarists (Poor Clerics Regular of the Mother of the Pious Schools)
PUCRJ	Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro	SCLC	Southern Christian Leadership Conference	SPAC	Servants of the Holy Paraclete
PUCSP	Pontificia Universidade Católica de São Paulo	SCM	Student Christian Movement	SPATS	South Pacific Anglican Council
PUU	Pontifical Urbanian University	SCOBA	Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas		South Pacific Association of Theological Schools
PWC	Pentecostal World Conference	SCS	Social Communications Service	SPCA	Secrétariat Permanent du Clergé Africain
		SDA	Seventh-day Adventists	SPCK	Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge
		SDB	Salesians of St John Bosco (Society of St Francis de Sales)	SPG	Society for the Propagation of the Gospel
		SDB	Seventh Day Baptists	SPM	Swiss Pentecostal Mission
		SDBC	Seventh Day Baptist Church	SPRE-E	Spiritual Re-emphasis
		SDF	Scouts de France	SPROCAS	Study Project on Christianity in Apartheid Society
		SDS	Salvatorians (Society of the Divine Saviour)	SPS	Kiltegan Fathers (Society of St Patrick for Foreign Missions)
		SDV	Società Divine Vocazioni (Padri Vocazionisti)	SRAM	Secrétariat Régional pour l'Afrique et Madagascar
		SE	southeast, southeastern	SSB	Sunday School Board (Southern Baptist)
		SEA	Swedish Evangelical Alliance	SSC	Maynooth (Missionary Society of St Columban)
		SEAN	Seminario por Extensión a las Naciones	SSC	Società Sacerdoti di San Giuseppe Benedetto Cottolengo
		SEAR	Société d'Exportation d' Art Religieux	SSCC	Picpus Fathers (Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary)
		SEARSOLIN	South East Asian Rural Social Leadership Institute	SSE	Fathers of St Edmund
		SEARV	South East Asia Radio Voice	SSEM	South Sea Evangelical Mission
		SEC	Sudan Episcopal Conference	SSF	Society of St Francis
		SEC	Swedish Ecumenical Council	SSI	Missionari di San Giuseppe nel Messico
		SECAM	Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar	SSID	Servicio Social de Iglesias Dominicanas
		SEDAC	Secretariado Episcopal de América Central y Panamá	SSJ	Society of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart
		SEDECOS	Secretariado de Comunicación Social	SSJE	Society of St John the Evangelist
		SEFAI	Schweizerische Evangelische Freundeskreise für die Araber in Israel	SSM	Society of the Sacred Mission
		SEI	Servicio Evangélico de Información	SSND	School Sisters of Notre Dame
		sek	Sekretär, sekretariat (German)	SSP	Pauline Fathers (Society of St Paul for the Apostolate of Communications)
		SEKURF	Swedish Ecumenical Committee for Development	SSpS	Missionary sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit
		SEMA	Société pour l'Evangélisation par des Moyens Audio-Visuels	SSS	Congregation of Blessed Sacrament Fathers
		SEMINCI	Semaña Internacional de Cine Religioso y de Valores Humanos	ST	Missionari Servi della Santissima Trinità
		SEMR	Schweizerischer Evangelischer Missionsrat	STAG	Student Technical Assistance Group
		SEMS	Swedish Evangelical Missionary Society	STAM	Società Tecnica Aiuto Missioni
		SEN	Servicio Evangélico Nacional	STAR	Service Technique Africain de Radiodiffusion
		SEND	SEND International	STB	bachelor of sacred theology
		SENDA	Servicio Evangélico Noticioso de América	STD	doctor of sacred theology
		SER	Sistema Educativo Radiofónico de México	STE	Service Technique pour l'Education
		SERB	Sistema Educativo Radiofónico de Bragança	STEP	Strategy to Every People
		SERCAP	Secretariado para Religiosos de Centroamérica y Panamá	STM	master of sacred theology
		SERCOS	Servicio de Comunicación Social	SU	Scripture Union
		SERPAL	Servicio Radifónico para Latina América	SUM	Sudan United Mission
		SESOMEX	Secretariado Social Mexicano	SUM	SUM Fellowship
		SEUL	Servicio Europeo de Universitarios Latinoamericanos	SUNA	Spiritual Unity of Nations Association
		SF	Figli della Sacra Famiglia	SVD	Verbiten, Missionaries of Steyl (Society of the Divine Word)
		SFB	Sisters of the Holy Family of Bordeaux	SVEA	Schweizerische Verband Evangelischer Arbeiter und Angestellter
		SFCC	Swedish Free Church Council	SVM	Student Volunteer Movement
		SFM	Scarboro Foreign Mission Society	SVMFM	Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions
		SFM	Swedish Free Mission	SVMU	Student Volunteer Missionary Union
		SFPMF	Student Foreign Missions Fellowship	SW	short-wave
		SGA	Slavic Gospel Association	SWG	southwest, southwestern
		SGM	Scripture Gift Mission	SWM	Strategy Working Group
		SHARE	Systems, Hardware & Research for Evangelization	SX	School of World Mission
		SHCJ	Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus		Society of St Francis Xavier for Foreign Missions (Parma)
		SHPF	Société de l'Histoire du Protestantisme Français	SYNDESMOS	World Fellowship of Orthodox Youth Organizations
		SIAC	International Secretariat of Catholic Artists	SZM	Schweizerische Zigeuner-Mission
		SIAMA	Society for the Interests of Active Missionaries in Asia		
		SICA	Service d'Images Chrétiennes Africaines		
		SICA	Solomon Islands Christian Association		
		SICO	Servizio Informazioni per la Chiesa Orientale		
		SIDIC	International Information Service for Jewish- Christian Relations		
		SIEIC	Secrétariat International des Elèves Ingénieurs Catholiques		
		SIESC	Secrétariat International des Enseignants	TAFTEE	Association for Theological Education by
S	south, southern				
SA	Franciscan Friars of the Atonement (Graymoor)				
SA	Soeurs d'Afrique (White Sisters)				
SA	Salvation Army				
SABMS	South African Baptist Missionary Society				

Extension
TAM-ICCC The Associated Missions, International Council of Christian Churches
TAP Theological Assistance Program
TAVES Tamilnadu Audio-Visual Education Service
TBL The Bible League
TBN Trinity Broadcasting Network
TCC Tonga Council of Churches
TEAM The Evangelical Alliance Mission
TEAM Training for Ecumenical Action in Mission
TEC Tanzania Episcopal Conference
TEE Theological Education by Extension
TEF Theological Education Fund
TELL The Evangelical Latin League
TEMA The European Missionary Association
TEPA Tele-Escuela Popular Americana
TEV Today's English Version (same as GNB)
TF Trinity Fellowship
TFLOPS trillion floating point operations per second
TFP Sociedade Brasileira de Defesa da Tradição, Família e Propriedade
ThD doctor of theology
TIFC Transmitting Internationally for Christ
TJC True Jesus Church
TLM The Leprosy Mission
TMI Teen Missions International
TMP The Pentecostal Mission
TNBCLC Tamil Nadu Biblical, Catechetical and Liturgical Center
TOB Traduction Oecuménique de la Bible
TOCD Tertiary of the Order of Discalced Carmelites
TOMS Thailand Overseas Missionary Society
TOR Third Order Regular of St Francis
TOSD Tertiary of the Order of St Dominic
TOSF Tertiary of the Order of St Francis
TPM The Pentecostal Mission
TTCEC Trinidad & Tobago Council of Evangelical Churches
TV television
TVC Tecnicci Volontari Cristiani
TWMA Third World Missions Association
TWMF Third World Missions Federation
TWO Teen World Outreach
TWR Trans World Radio

U

UACPB Union Apostolique et Culturelle des Prietres Burundais
UAE United Arab Emirates
UAIM United Andean Indian Mission
UB United Brethren
UBC United Brethren Church
UBC United Brethren in Christ
UBRAJE União Brasileira de Juventudes Ecuménicas
UBS United Bible Societies
UC Union Conference (Seventh-day Adventist)
UCADE Unión Cristiana Americana de Educadores
UCASI Unione Cattolica Assistenti Sociali Italiane
UCBWM United Church Board for World Ministries
UCC United Church of Christ
UCCan United Church of Canada
UCCI United Christian Council in Israel
UCCP United Church of Christ in the Philippines
UCCSL United Christian Council of Sierra Leone
UCEC Union Camerounaise des Etudiants Catholiques
UCEI Ufficio Centrale per l'Emigrazione Italiana
UCF Unions Chrétiennes Féminines
UCIP Union Catholique Internationale de la Prensa
UCISS Union Catholique Internationale de Service Social
UCJF Union Chrétienne de Jeunes Filles
UCJG Union Chrétienne de Jeunes Gens
UCL Université Catholique de Louvain
UCLAP Latin American Union of the Catholic Press
UCM University Christian Movement
UCMS United Christian Missionary Society
UCNI United Church of North India
UCP Unione Cattolica Pubblicità
UCSEI Ufficio Centrale Studenti Esteri in Italia
UCSI Unione Cattolica della Stampa Italiana
UD united diocese
UDAL Union Dahoméenne d'Apostolat des Laïcs
UDs united dioceses
UDTC Union des Congrégations (Féminines) en Tunisie
UEC Uganda Episcopal Conference
UECA Union des Etudiants Catholiques Africains
UEDNOP União das Escolas Dominicais do Norte de Portugal
UEO United Ecumenical Organization
UESI Union of Evangelical Students of India
UFMS Union Fédérale Française de Musique Sacrée
UFM Unevangelized Fields Mission (UFM International)
UHF ultra high frequency
UIM Urban Industrial Mission
UISG Unione Internazionale delle Superiore Generali
UJCC Uganda Joint Christian Council

U LAJE Unión Latinoamericana de Juventud Evangélica
UM Union Mission (Seventh-day Adventist)
UM Utrecht Mission
UMAWATA Association of Diocesan Priests of Tanzania
UMC United Methodist Church
UMCA United Methodist Church of Africa
UMCA Universities Mission to Central Africa
UMCOR United Methodist Commission for Overseas Relief
UMMI Unione Medici Missionaria Italiana
UMN United Mission to Nepal
UMOFC Unión Mundial de Organizaciones Femeninas Católicas
UMPL Union de Misiones Pentecostales Libres
UMS United Missionary Society
UN United Nations
UNAED Union Nationale des Assistants et Educateurs de l'Enfance
UNAS Unión Nacional de Apostolado Seglar
UNCAHS Union Nationale des Congrégations d'Action Hospitalière et Sociale
UNCC Unión Nacional de Colegios Católicos
UNCLAP Unión Latinoamericana de Prensa Católica
UNDA International Catholic Association for Radio and Television (Latin, wave)
UNEC Unión Nacional Educación Católica
UNEC Union Nationale des Etablissements Catholiques
UNELAM Movimiento pro Unidad Evangélica Latinoamericana
UNIAPAC Union Internationale Chrétienne des Dirigeants d'Entreprise
UNICO Unión de Instituciones Biblicas de la Gran Colombia
UNIFE Universidad Femenina Sagrado Corazón
UoB Unity of Brethren, Unity of the Brethren
UOSR Union des Oeuvres Sociales Réunionnaises
UPC United Pentecostal Church
UPCI United Pentecostal Church International
UPCUSA United Presbyterian Church in the USA
UPFGCI United Pentecostal Full Gospel Churches of Indonesia
UPG Universal Prayer Group
UPUSA United Presbyterian Church in the USA
URG Union des Religieux de Grèce
URI Union des Religieuses d'Israel
URM Union des Religieuses de Madagascar
USCC United States Catholic Conference
USCE United Society of Christian Endeavor
USCL United Society for Christian Literature
USCMA US Catholic Mission Association
USCWM U.S. Center for World Mission
USG Unione dei Superiori Generali
USICOP United States Interreligious Committee on Peace
USMDC Union des Supérieures Majeures et Déléguées du Cameroun
USMI Unione Superiore Maggiori d'Italia
USMM Union des Supérieures Majeurs de Madagascar
USMSR Union des Supérieures Majeures de Suisse Romande
USPG United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel
USTC Union Seychelloise des Travailleurs Chrétiens
USUMA Union des Supérieures Majeures du Zaïre
UUA Unitarian Universalist Association
UUSC Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
UVA Una Voce Helvetica
UWM United World Mission

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V vicariate
VA vicariate apostolic
VBE Verband Bildung und Erziehung
VBS Vacation Bible Schools
VCAMS Voice of China and Asia Missionary Society
VCC Vanuatu Christian Council
VDO Vereinigung Deutscher Ordensoberen
VELKD Vereinigte Ev-Lutherische Kirche Deutschlands
VERTA Visayan Educational Radio and TV Association
VFKO Vereinigung der Frauenorden und Kongregationen Osterreichs
VFR visual flight rules (contact flying)
VHF very high frequency
VHOB Vereinigung Höherer Ordensoberen der Bruderorden und Kongregationen Deutschlands
VHOD Vereinigung Höherer Ordensoberen Deutschlands
VICS Volunteer International Christian Service
VISA Volunteers in Service Abroad
VKDL Verein Katholischer Deutscher Lehrerinnen
VKLS Verein Katholischer Lehrerinnen der Schweiz
VKW Verbond van Christelijke Werkgevers
VMM Volunteer Missionary Movement
VOP Voice of Prophecy
VP patriarchal vicariate

W

W west, western
WACB World Association for Christian Broadcasting
WACC World Association for Christian Communication
WACCC West Africa Council of Christian Churches
WAMRAC World Association of Methodist Radio Amateurs & Clubs
WARC World Alliance of Reformed Churches (Presbyterian and Congregational)
WBFM World Baptist Fellowship Mission
WBT Wycliffe Bible Translators
WBTI Wycliffe Bible Translators International
WC Wesleyan Church
WCC World Council of Churches
WCCC World Convention of Churches of Christ
WCCE World Council of Christian Education
WCCP World Conference of Christians for Palestine
WCE World Christian Encyclopedia
WCEU World Christian Endeavor Union
WCF Workers' Christian Fellowship
WCF World Congress of Faiths
WCFBA World Catholic Federation for the Biblical Apostolate
WCFs World Confessional Families
WCG Worldwide Church of God
WCH World Christian Handbook
WCMR World Conference on Missionary Radio
WCPC World Conference of Pentecostal Churches
WEC Worldwide Evangelization Crusade (WEC International)
WEF World Evangelical Fellowship
WEGO World Encounter Gospel Organization
WELG Women's Ecumenical Liaison Group
WERC World Evangelization Research Center
WF White Fathers (Society of Missionaries of Africa)
WFBMF World Fundamental Baptist Missionary Fellowship
WFC World Film Crusade
WFMW World Federation of Methodist Women
WGC World Gospel Crusades
WGM World Gospel Mission
WH World Horizons
WHBL World Home Bible League
WIM West Indies Mission
WLC World Literature Crusade
WLE World Literacy Evangelism
WLSM World Library of Sacred Music
WMC World Methodist Council
WMC World Missionary Conference
WME World Missionary Evangelism
WMMS Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society
WMPL World Mission Prayer League
WMO Woman's Missionary Union
WPM World Presbyterian Mission
WRC World Relief Commission
WRC World Revival Crusade
WRMF World Radio Missionary Fellowship
WSCF World Student Christian Federation
WT WorldTeam
WTBTS Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society
WTF World Thrust Films
WUCT World Union of Catholic Teachers
WV Weisse Vater (WF)
WVI World Vision International
WWCTU World Women's Christian Temperance Union
WWM World-Wide Missions
WWP World Wide Pictures
WWPMU World-Wide Prayer & Missionary Union
WYP World Youth Project

Y

YBC Yugoslav Bishops' Conference
YCGS Young Catholic Girl Students
YCS Young Catholic Students
YCS Young Christian Socialists
YCW Young Catholic Workers
YCW Young Christian Workers
YFC Youth for Christ
YFCI Youth for Christ International
YM Yearly Meeting (Friends)
YMCA Young Men's Christian Association
YUGO Youth Unlimited Gospel Outreach
YWAM Youth with a Mission
YWCA Young Women's Christian Association

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ZAC Zambia Anglican Council
ZCBC Zimbabwe Catholic Bishops' Conference
ZCC Zion Christian Church
ZCCD Zambia Christian Commission for Development
ZEC Zambia Episcopal Conference
ZEM Zaire Evangelistic Mission
ZZG Zeist Mission Society (Zeister Zendingsge-nootschap)