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DIALOGUE VOLUME IS PUBLISHED

WASHINGTON—"Partners in Peace and Education" has become the
latest volume to emerge from the Presbyterian/Reformed
consultation with the Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and
Interreligious Affairs. Earlier subjects taken up by the
consultation, which began in 1965, include women in the church,
inter-Christian marriage, the structure of unity, and "Ethics and
the Search for Christian Unity" (USCC publication no. 736, 1981).

Bishop Ernest L. Unterkofler of Charleston chairs the
Presbyterian/Reformed consultation for the BCEIA.

The topic of the present consultation (Round IV) was the
relationship of Church, Society and State in the perspective of
the Kingdom of God. The consultation has pioneered in the
analysis of the ecumenical implications of social-ethical
issues. The volume contains two joint statements: one on peace
based on the 1983 pastoral letter of the National Conference of

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Catholic Bishops, "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response" and related Presbyterian/Reformed statements, and one on education. The peace documents themselves, along with three background papers on the church-state issues concerning public and private education, are included.

Study questions are provided as well to encourage laity and clergy to take part in similar discussions with other interested persons. "The volume is thus not only a document of the official dialogue," said Dr. Eugene Fisher of the BCEIA staff, who co-edited the book with Dr. Ronald C. White of Princeton University, "but also a practical tool for diocesan and parish level dialogue groups. It should appeal to teachers and those concerned with social issues as well as clergy and active laity."

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