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“Love should be rekindled and strengthened among the churches, so that they should no more consider one another as strangers and foreigners, but as relatives, and as being a part of the household of Christ and «fellow heirs, members of the same body and partakers of the promise of God in Christ» (Eph. 3:6)”.

Encyclical of the Ecumenical Patriarchate (1920):
“To the Churches of Christ Everywhere”

At the initiative of the of the World Council of Churches, with the blessing of H.B. Patriarch Daniel of Romania and the gracious hospitality of H.E. Metropolitan Prof. Dr Laurentiu of Ardeal, with the collaboration of the Orthodox Theological Faculty “Andrei Saguna” of Sibiu and with H.E. Metropolitan Prof. Dr. Gennadios of Sassima (Ecumenical Patriarchate) serving as moderator, representatives from various Eastern Orthodox Churches (Ecumenical Patriarchate, Patriarchate of Alexandria, Patriarchate of Antioch, Moscow Patriarchate, Patriarchate of Romania, Patriarchate of Bulgaria, Church of Cyprus, Church of Greece, Church of Poland, Church of Albania and the Orthodox Church in America), from Oriental Orthodox Churches (Syrian Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East, Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church), from the Conference of European churches (CEC) and theological institutions met in Sibiu to reflect on and make proposals concerning “The Ecumenical Movement in Theological Education and in the Life of Orthodox Churches.”

The main purpose of the meeting was to consider how the Orthodox Churches and theological schools have been involved in the modern ecumenical movement from its very beginning, and what steps forward they might take today.