**MCC History: Summary**

1869 Maine Sunday School Association organized. Charter denominations:

- Baptist

- Free Baptist

- Christian

- Congregational

- Methodist

1911 Incorporated as the Maine State Sunday School Association.

abt 1920 Becomes the Maine Council of Religious Education.

by 1936 Friends and Unitarians join; Baptists leave.

1938 Becomes the Maine Council of Churches. Charter denominations:

- Congregational-Christian Conference of Maine

- New England Yearly Meeting Religious Society of Friends

- Maine Annual Conference of the Methodist Church

- Northeast Region of the American Unitarian Association

1939 Universalist State Convention becomes a Member.

1943 Church of the New Jerusalem (Swedenborgian) and The Salvation Army become Members.

1944 Presbyterian Church USA (Newburyport Presbytery) becomes a Member.

1950 MCC and Christian Civic League of Maine abandon conversations about a formal relationship./

1951 A.M.E. Zion Church in Portland becomes a (Associate) Member.

1952 Evangelical United Brethren becomes a Member.

1956 Disciples of Christ Church (Bangor) becomes a (Associate) Member.

1966 A new Constitution is adopted; however the membership rejects a Preamble that declared that the Council finds its unity in common theology rather than common humanity.

1968 MCC joins the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland and the Episcopal Diocese of Maine to form the Ecumenical Commission of the State of Maine.

1970 The Membership votes to close the Council as of March 31, 1970.

1973 Elsie Libby dies September 9, 1973. Her will leaves to MCC the bulk of her estate, in particular about 1,000 acres of land on either side of US 1 in Kennebunk and Wells.

1974 The Council membership votes to rescind the 1970 closure action.

1978 Episcopal Diocese of Maine becomes a Member.

1979 Immanuel Baptist Church (Portland) becomes an Associate Member.

1982 Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland becomes a Member. Church Women United becomes an Associate Member.

1983 The Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches becomes a Member. The Swedenborgian Community (Church of the New Jerusalem) and the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church become Associate Members.

1984 Grace Lutheran Church (Auburn) becomes an Associate Member.

1986 The First Radio Parish Church of America becomes an Associate Member.

2006 Maine Association of the Church of the New Jerusalem becomes a Member.