

## Summary

**Subject matter:** Ecumenism as a religious problem in the Russian Orthodox Church.

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**Topicality of the research:** The presented research deals with the study of the participation of orthodox churches, in the first place of the Russian Orthodox Church, in the Ecumenical movement, with the analysis of various positions inside the Russian Orthodoxy towards ecumenism and their impact on the development of the Russian Orthodox Church herself.

**Objective of the research** is to explore the controversial attitude of the Russian Orthodox Church to ecumenism in the form of the systematic analysis of the ecumenical idea.

### **Tasks:**

- to highlight the causes of the origin of the Ecumenical movement, to keep track of its historical development;
- to identify the main stages of the activity of the Russian Orthodox Church in the Ecumenical movement;
- to examine the specificity of the orthodox position regarding the Ecumenical movement;
- to detect the prerequisites and forms of the manifestation of the anti-ecumenical sentiment in the Russian Orthodox Church;
- to discover the prospects of the participation of the Russian Orthodox Church in the “ecumenical movement”.

**Theoretical and practical significance of the research.** The type of the degree thesis determined the need for the interdisciplinary approach and complex

study of the problem. The basis of the research was formed by the principle of the analytical study of the sources, making their logic and content more precise, and also by the methods of the comparative-historical and typological analysis. This enabled us to examine the history of the development of the ecumenical contacts of orthodox churches, specifically of the Russian Orthodox Church, in the context of the political and social changes that have taken place in the Russian and world history, and also in the connection with the history of other Christian confessions.

**Results of the research:** Our research showed that today the problem of the unity of all Christian denominations for the Russian Orthodox Church is directly connected with the problem of the preservation of the purity of the Orthodox faith. And, despite the tendency for globalization, it is doubtful whether we are moving towards the creation of some single religion, at least in the immediate future. The future is in building the open dialog between different religions, cultures and traditions.

**Recommendations:** As this degree thesis is chiefly theoretical, the materials of the research can be used in the preparation of the material on the ecumenical movement, and also for the development of the appropriate course of lectures within the framework of the history of the Russian Orthodox Church. The concrete results obtained in this work can be used in the philosophy and religion studies. The main theoretical principles and findings of the research can be also used in the academic process in the special courses in the history of the Russian Orthodox Church, as a methodological material for teaching religion studies, and also for devising special courses, lectures and seminars in philosophy.