

OUR BELIEFS:  
The Common Confession

1) **The Lord Jesus Christ.** We are people who believe and confess our faith in the Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We trust and believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord.

2) **The Gospel of Salvation.** We believe and confess that all human beings are sinners, and that sinners are redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God alone justifies human beings by faith in Christ—a faith which God creates through the message of the Gospel. As ambassadors for Christ, God uses us to speak his Word and build his kingdom.

3) **The Authority of Scripture.** We believe and confess that the Bible is God's revealed Word to us, spoken in Law and Gospel. The Bible is the final authority for us in all matters of our faith and life

4) **A Common Confession of Faith.** We accept and uphold that the Lutheran Confessions reliably guide us as faithful interpretations of Scripture, and that we share a unity and fellowship in faith with others among whom the Gospel of Jesus Christ is preached and the sacraments are administered in accordance with the Gospel.

5) **The Priesthood of All Believers.** We believe and confess that the Holy Spirit makes all who believe in Jesus Christ to be priests for service to others in Jesus' name, and that God desires to make use of the spiritual gifts he has given through the priesthood of all believers.

6) **Marriage and Family.** We believe and confess that the marriage of male and female is an institution created and blessed by God. From marriage, God forms families to serve as the building blocks of all human civilization and community. We teach and practice that sexual activity belongs exclusively within the biblical boundaries of a faithful marriage between one man and one woman.

7) **The Mission and Ministry of the Congregation.** We believe and confess that the church is the assembly of believers called and gathered by God around Word and Sacrament, and that the mission and ministry of the church is carried out within the context of individual congregations, which are able to work together locally and globally.

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Who We Are,  
What We Do,  
Where God is calling us...

*Mobilizing confessing  
Lutherans for  
evangelical renewal*

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## AN INTRODUCTION

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### WHO WE ARE

LUTHERAN CORE (Coalition for Renewal) is a community of confessing Lutherans seeking to mobilize Lutherans for evangelical renewal.

We are...

- ❖ Pastors and lay people
- ❖ Congregations and renewal groups
- ❖ Three Lutheran denominations
  - ◆ Augsburg Lutheran Churches
  - ◆ The North American Lutheran Church
  - ◆ United Oromo Evangelical Churches

Many individual and congregational members are also affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) and Lutheran Churches in Mission for Christ (LCMC).

We are more than 5,000 individuals, more than 400 congregations and more than 20 renewal groups located across North America.

An annual Convocation of members serves as our chief decision-making body. Officers and a Steering Committee elected by the Convocation lead Lutheran CORE.

### WHAT WE DO

We seek to mobilize confessing Lutherans for evangelical renewal by:

- ❖ *Upholding* the authority of the Bible as the final authority, source and norm of the Church's proclamation, faith and life in accordance with the Lutheran Confessions, including the biblical norms for marriage, family and sexuality;
- ❖ *Encouraging* individual renewal-minded congregations, laypersons and pastors to stay focused on the Great Commission to make disciples of Christ;
- ❖ *Supporting*, connecting and offering coordination for various Lutheran renewal groups in North America;
- ❖ *Challenging* each congregation to have a direct partnership with one mission congregation in North America and one global missionary;
- ❖ *Reaching* out to those who think they are alone in their concerns for the ELCA and ELCIC or are unaware that orthodoxy is challenged in these two denominations;
- ❖ *Connecting* Lutherans across denominational lines, including those who remain members of the ELCA and ELCIC, those who have left the ELCA or ELCIC, those who are undecided whether to stay or leave either the ELCA or ECIC and those who are unaware that orthodoxy is at stake.

### WHERE GOD IS CALLING US

God is calling Lutheran CORE to be faithful and effective disciples to fulfill the Great Commission, to be obedient to God's Word, engaged in members' congregations, and actively sharing Christ's love through engagement in and support of expanding local, continental, and global missions.

This calling includes the annual Convocation and Theological Conference, regional Mission and Discipleship Events, formation of regional discipleship networks, the *CORE Connection* monthly newsletter, a website, a Facebook group and a blog.

### WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Is God calling you to share in our ministry? Contact the Lutheran CORE office at the number below or one of the steering committee members to see how you might be a part of God's work in Lutheran CORE and our expanding network of confessing Lutherans. We also welcome your financial support, as you are able. Lutheran CORE is a religious non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, so your donations are tax deductible.

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