

## Resourcing Congregations

Lutheran CORE supports local gatherings and communicates Biblical truth through our newsletter, mailings, and various forms of social media.

Many pastors and congregational leaders have been contacting Lutheran CORE concerned about whether they will be able to find a Biblically faithful, confessional, and outreach oriented pastor in the future.



In response, Lutheran CORE will be holding a summit on pastoral formation during the summer of 2017, when we will draw together leaders from several different Lutheran church bodies to consider the question: How can we best raise up and sustain a new generation of pastors who are confessional Lutherans and are evangelistic in their perspective and practice?

### Our Website Provides:

- **Daily devotions and prayers**
- **Clergy Connect** – notices from congregations who are looking for orthodox and confessional pastors and other staff members
- **Mission Connect** – examples of local, domestic, and global ministries and missions which our partner congregations are supporting

### A Partner in the Gospel

Lutheran CORE exists to be your partner in the proclamation of the Gospel. Is God calling you to share in our ministry?

Contact the Lutheran CORE office at the number below or one of the members of the Board of Directors to see how you might be a part of God's work through Lutheran CORE.

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 to the extent permitted by law.

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## A Voice and Network for Confessional Renewal

...the believer cannot be restrained.  
They betray themselves. They  
break out. They confess and teach  
this gospel to the people at the  
risk of life itself.  
- Martin Luther

We must all hang together, or  
assuredly we shall all hang  
separately.  
- Ben Franklin



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# Our Purpose, Our Mission

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At this moment in history, confessional, Biblically orthodox Lutherans *need* each other. The forces arrayed against us are staggering, both inside and outside our church bodies.

As a **PROPHETIC VOICE**, we advocate for Biblical authority and confessional fidelity among churches of the Lutheran community.

As a **NETWORK** for confessing Lutherans, we support and connect Lutheran individuals and congregations who seek to live in accord with Biblical and confessional teachings and practices.

## We accomplish our work by:

- Addressing from an orthodox and confessional viewpoint major theological issues that are confronting the Lutheran community today
- Supporting local gatherings of orthodox and Biblically and confessionally faithful pastors and lay people
- Advocating for pastors who are not being treated fairly because of their traditional views
- Supporting Latino and other ethnic ministries at the local level
- Challenging the ELCA to uphold its commitment to honor the bound conscience of those who hold to a traditional view of human sexuality and marriage

## 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 that 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.

*For more information on the Common Confession and commentaries suitable for an adult study group, please visit:*

*<http://www.lutherancore.org/what-we-believe/the-common-confession/>*

