



Confessing faith in Jesus Christ as Son, Savior, and Lord, the Confessing Movement exists to help retrieve and celebrate the Church's classic biblical and doctrinal identity and to live it out together as followers of Jesus Christ.

This task is critically important in our relativistic age, which insists that every individual come to her or his own personal truth, morality, and understanding of righteousness. Within the United Methodist Church, this situation has often led to the promotion of political ideologies and personal agendas overlaid with religious veneers, positions frequently in opposition to the historic biblical and doctrinal teachings of the faith. In this process, as each individual advocates what is "right in his own eyes" (*Judges 21*), the teaching of Christian truth is often confused or even lost and those whom Christ came to save are instead led astray.

The historic Christian faith as read in Holy Scripture, summarized in creeds and confessions, and articulated in the richness of our doctrinal heritage, is not the product of personal opinion but a gift from God. It offers the world something much more life-giving than the limited and transient wisdom of the culture; it offers no less than a transformative relationship with the living God through the Lord Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Confessing Movement is working to re-establish this clarity of purpose within the United Methodist Church.

Therefore, as United Methodist lay women and men, clergy, and congregations, with one voice we pledge our confident allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ according to the "faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (*Jude 3*) and seek to renew the Church in the power of this faith. We invite you to join us in this holy and happy work: recalling our beloved United Methodist Church to the fullness of its biblical and doctrinal identity in the Lord Jesus Christ through the renewal of the Holy Spirit!

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