

(Used by Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Maple Lake, MN)

Motion to Join LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ)

Motion B-10

In the conviction that God has called us through the Lordship of his Son Jesus Christ and the guidance of his Holy Spirit to confess the Gospel in its purity, the congregation of Holy Cross Lutheran Church (Maple Lake, Minnesota), expresses its intent to join *Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ* (LCMC) and subscribes to that association's Statement of Faith, Statement of Purpose, and other provisions of the constitution of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. Documentation of this subscription shall be submitted to LCMC Board of Trustees and is subject to their acceptance.

Background Information

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ:
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LCMC Statement of Purpose

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ is an association of congregations and individuals who are: free in Christ; accountable to one another; rooted in the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions — working together to fulfill Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples of all nations.

LCMC Statement of Faith

- We believe, teach, and confess the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We believe, teach and confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and the gospel as the power of God for the salvation of all who believe in him.
 - Jesus Christ is the Word of God incarnate, through whom everything was made and through whose life, death and resurrection God fashions a new creation.
 - The proclamation of God's message to us as both law and gospel is the Word of God, revealing judgment and mercy in the person of Jesus Christ, through whom God was pleased to reconcile all things to himself.
 - The canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God. Inspired by God's Spirit speaking through their authors, they record and announce God's revelation centering in Jesus Christ. Through them, God's spirit speaks to us to create and sustain Christian faith and fellowship for service in the world.
- We believe, teach and accept the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, and the sole authoritative source and norm of our proclamation, faith and fellowship.
- We accept the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds as true declarations of the scriptural faith.
- We believe, teach and accept the Unaltered Augsburg Confession and the Small Catechism as true witnesses to the Word of God, normative for our teaching and practice. We acknowledge that we are one in faith, and doctrine with all churches that likewise accept the teachings of the Augsburg Confession.
- We believe, teach and confess the other confessional writings in the Book of Concord, namely, the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise, the Large Catechism, and the Formula of Concord, as further valid expositions of the Holy Scriptures.
- We believe, teach and confess the gospel, recorded in the Holy Scriptures and confessed in the ecumenical creeds and Lutheran confessional writings, as the power of God to create and sustain the priesthood of all believers for God's mission in the world.