
We are free in Christ.

Lutherans always have celebrated the freedom we have in Christ. Our freedom is based in the Biblical notion of freedom that Paul set forth in Romans 6. It is a wonderful paradox that Christians find their freedom by being bound to Christ. As we submit ourselves to the Lordship of Jesus Christ we discover the joy of real freedom.

We are accountable to one another.

LCMC is an association of congregations. We have a great respect for the reality that the church is where the people of God are gathered together around Word and Sacrament. The local congregation is where the church becomes a concrete reality for God's people.

At the same time we are joyously aware that each congregation is a part of the greater body of Christ. The actions of each congregation within our association reflect on our association as a whole. And the actions of our association reflect on the whole body of Christ. For this reason we have committed ourselves to a common set of ministry standards.

Congregations have significant latitude in ordering and shaping ministry in their local setting, and we intentionally have made joining and leaving the association simple. We have also agreed to a disciplinary process for addressing congregations whose actions violate our agreed upon statements of faith and practice.

We are rooted and grounded in the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions.

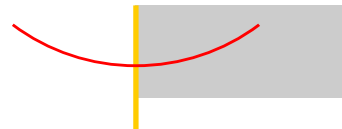
Our association is firmly committed to accepting the normative authority of the Bible. We reject the notion that science, personal experience, tradition, or other human endeavors have equal footing with the Bible. We are certainly aware that these endeavors contribute to our conversations and deliberations, but the Bible must be our final authority in matters of faith and practice. We also believe that the Lutheran Confessions offer us accurate interpretations of the Biblical witness and we commit ourselves to being guided by them in our life together as an association.

We are working together to fulfill Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples of all nations.

LCMC has one primary mission: that of sharing the life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are focused on starting congregations in this country, supporting missionaries around the world, and raising up and training leaders to serve Christ and His church. LCMC is committed to knowing Jesus and to making Jesus known. The association is dedicated to helping member congregations carry out this mission.



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Dear Pastor and Church Leader,

Today there are many signals of spiritual confusion and ecclesiastical unrest. The watering down of the Scripture and minimizing of our historic Lutheran Confessions are at the center of our Christian concern.

If you find yourself troubled or anxious about your future as a Lutheran leader, if you want to be faithful to your Biblically based beliefs, we urge you to read on.

Chances are you know little about LCMC even though we are nearly ten years old. Furthermore, we are not a revised version of any Lutheran church body. We are not a traditional denomination at all, but an association of confessional evangelical Lutheran congregations and pastors from Augusta to Seattle, from Manhattan Beach to Philadelphia, from Mexico to Viet Nam.

We believe that God has been working a miracle among us! We have no other explanation. We want to tell you about what's happening. We want you to be aware of how our Association can benefit you and your congregation. We also want to answer your questions.

If, after reading this introductory information, you have further questions about LCMC, contact our office in Canton, Michigan. Our staff handles many such calls. They are eager to respond. We encourage you to consider a future in Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC).

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Who are we?

We are Lutheran Christians committed to fulfilling Christ's Great Commission by starting mission congregations in this country and around the world. We are also committed to training men and women to serve as pastors and lay leaders in our churches.

We are currently 226 congregations throughout America and eight other countries. For the present about one-quarter of our congregations also maintain membership in other Lutheran bodies. About ten percent are mission churches that are already underway.

We understand the church of Christ to be the people of God who gather around the Word and Sacraments. We believe that it is primarily here that faith is born and nurtured and lives are changed by the power of the Spirit. Hence, LCMC is not an ecclesiastical superstructure with multiple levels of authority and power, but a congregationally centered and empowered fellowship of believers.

How does LCMC benefit pastors?

- LCMC has an excellent insurance program via Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Minnesota. Several options are provided to suit the needs of pastors and church workers.
- LCMC has a first rate pension program held by American Funds and administered by Edward Jones Investments. In addition, pastors have a great deal of control over their individual pension fund.
- Pastors and congregations deal directly with one another in the call process. There is no required ecclesiastical third party involved.
- LCMC conducts a stimulating Leadership Conference annually for recharging the spiritual batteries of pastors and lay leaders.

How does LCMC benefit your church?

- Congregations have direct representation in the affairs of the Association. Each congregation is entitled to delegates that represent them at the yearly Gathering and Convention.
- Congregations maintain complete control over their property.
- Congregations determine how they will call their next pastor and who it will be. They deal directly with the pastoral candidates.
- LCMC provides a structure and a network of like-minded churches through districts. These districts are either geographic or non-geographic. There are both kinds and the number is growing! Each is organized to assist congregations in their local and worldwide ministries.

Want to know more about LCMC?

- Start with your telephone. Call us toll free Monday through Friday at **866-720-5262**.
- Or drop us a line at our office at 7000 N Sheldon Rd., Canton, Michigan 48187.
- When you call, ask for **Rev. Bill Sullivan**, the Service Coordinator. He is personable and will be of great help.
- Be sure to look in on the **LCMC website** at www.lcmc.net. Here you will find an abundance of material, including our Constitution and Bylaws and, most important, our Statement of Faith. Read it carefully. Discover what binds LCMC together as a body of believers!

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