

Invitation to Join Solid Ground Ministry/Canada

Declaration:

As a child of God who has been saved by grace through faith alone in our Lord Jesus Christ;

As a sister or brother in Christ who believes that the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions provide a solid foundation upon which we can confidently base our faith, beliefs and practices;

I do hereby join the company of like-minded brothers and sisters in Christ in the Solid Ground Ministry/Canada network and attest that I have read and support Solid Ground's *Statement of Faith* (see below).

Please check one:

Lay Member Active Pastor Retired Pastor Seminarian Bishop

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Home Church (name, location): _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please mail the completed form to:

Solid Ground Ministry/Canada
c/o 194 Blackwell Drive
Kitchener, ON
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Solid Ground's "Statement of Faith"

1. I confess:

(a) The Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—as the one true God. The Father as Creator and Preserver; His Son, Jesus Christ, as Redeemer and Lord; and the Holy Spirit as Regenerator and Sanctifier.

(b) That the Gospel is the revelation of God's saving will and grace in Jesus Christ, which He imparts through Word and Sacrament. That through these means of grace the Holy Spirit creates believers and unites them with their Lord and with one another in the fellowship of the Holy Christian Church.

(c) That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God, through which God still speaks, and as the only source of the Church's doctrine and the authoritative standard for the faith and life of the Church.

2. I subscribe to the documents of the Book of Concord of 1580 as witnesses to the way in which the Holy Scriptures have been correctly understood, explained and confessed for the sake of the Gospel, namely

- (a) The Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds as the chief confessions of the Christian faith;
- (b) The unaltered Augsburg Confession as its basic formulation of Christian doctrine;
- (c) Luther's Small Catechism as a clear summary of Christian doctrine;
- (d) The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Luther's Large Catechism, the Smalcald Articles with the Treatise, and the Formula of Concord as further witnesses to the Unaltered Augsburg Confession.

3. I am concerned about the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada's (ELCIC) drift away from its traditional confessional position.

4. I want to grow in my understanding of the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions and I want to encourage others to do the same.

5. I want to encourage the ELCIC and its Synods to face forthrightly and with integrity some very difficult questions, including, the interpretation of and application of the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions to social issues and matters of faith and life.

6. I do not want the ELCIC's drift away from its traditional confessional position to continue; therefore, I desire to unite with laity and clergy within the ELCIC for affirmation, support, communication and action so that this trend may be reversed