

"How can we become part of LCMC?"

LCMC is primarily an association of congregations. **Churches** join LCMC by voting to do so, using whatever means your local congregation deems appropriate. After voting to join, a subscription form can be downloaded from our website or obtained from our association office. It should be completed and signed by the proper congregational officers, then forwarded to the LCMC office.

Individuals who wish to be part of LCMC may join as associate members. An individual subscription form may also be found at our website or sent to you from the LCMC office.

"Where can I get more information?"

www.lcmc.net

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"What is LCMC?"



**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.**

"Tell me more about what that means."

◆ **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 reflects 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 also have 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 THE 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 making Jesus known. The association is dedicated to helping member congregations live out this mission.