

WHAT DOES LUTHERAN CORE DO? – AUGUST 2022

Lutheran CORE defines its mission as being a Voice for Biblical Truth and a Network for Confessing Lutherans.

As a Voice for Biblical Truth we alert people to ways in which the authority of the Bible, the historic, orthodox Christian faith, and traditional, Biblical moral values are being compromised and even rejected.

1.

We offer guidance in evaluating ELCA communications and decisions, including the actions taken by the 2019 and 2022 Churchwide Assemblies. We reveal ways in which the ELCA misrepresents and misuses its own social statements.

2.

We challenge the ELCA to keep its promise to honor also the traditional view of marriage and human sexuality. We confront the ELCA over their complete lack of support for traditional views.

3.

We provide assistance for pastors and church leaders who want to gather examples to communicate to their congregations ways in which orthodoxy is being threatened within the ELCA.

4.

We include articles in our bi-monthly newsletter, CORE Voice, on such topics as critical race theory, how revisionists have used the principles of community organizing to take over the ELCA, the dangers of the Equality Act, and how to be effective in ministry in a “post COVID” world.

As a Network for Confessing Lutherans we assure confessing persons that they are not alone. We provide connection for them with many others who share their concerns and are engaged in the same struggles.

1.

We provide Facebook groups in which orthodox pastors, seminarians, and lay people can engage in conversation with like-minded people.

We have a private and visible (Facebook terminology) Facebook group that includes pastors, seminarians, and lay people with several different church body affiliations.

We have a private and hidden (again Facebook terminology) Facebook group that is only for orthodox ELCA pastors and seminarians.

We have a third Facebook group, Lutheran CORE Worship, where people can post worship services and Bible studies.

2.

We also communicate through other forms of social media, including You Tube, Instagram, MeWe, and Twitter.

3.

We have a support network for young adults, including college students who are planning on attending seminary. We also provide financial assistance for those attending seminary. This group provides support for young adults as they seek to live out their faith and share their faith with their peers.

4.

Through the Clergy Connect page on our website, we help Biblically faithful, confessional congregations and Biblically faithful, confessional pastors find each other.

5.

As requested, we work with congregations that are reviewing their church body affiliation and walk with them through the process.

6.

Through our Congregations in Transition (CiT) ministry we help both congregations where the pastor has already announced his or her upcoming retirement or resignation as well as congregations who already have a vacancy and have organized a call committee. In the case of the former, a coach works with the pastor and congregational leaders to prepare for the time of transition. In the case of the latter, a coach assists in the search for the next long-term pastor.

7.

We are one of the sponsors of the NEXUS program at Grand View University in Des Moines, Iowa. This annual event provides a week for high school youth of Bible study, theological reflection, fellowship, involvement in ministry, and vocational discernment.

8.

We support a cross-generational, multi-denominational ministry effort called City Mission and Cross Country Mission, in which people bring Christ's love and practical, tangible assistance into situations of great need.

9.

We hold an annual Encuentro festival in the Chicago area – a day of support, connection, fellowship, inspiration, and resources for pastors, lay leaders, and congregations that are already involved in or are considering becoming involved in Spanish language and/or bi-lingual (English-Spanish) ministry.

10.

We provide on our website daily devotions, weekly Bible studies based upon the lectionary readings, and worship resources, including prayers and hymn suggestions.

11.

We also provide on our website an [annotated List of Confessional Resources](#) – books, magazines, ministries, and other resources recommended by confessional pastors. In addition, we have an annotated [List of Resources for Youth and Young Adults](#).

12.

Through our video ministry we provide a monthly video book review recorded by various Lutheran pastors and theologians on books of interest and importance. We also have a series of videos on various topics related to the Christian faith and life.

13.

We provide a listening ear for pastors who want to talk about such things as congregational dynamics, personal health issues, and/or are anticipating retirement or transitioning to life after retirement.

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