

Confessional Resolution of the Session

Adopted August 1, 2001

Because the Presbyterian Church (USA) is a confessing church; and

Because we want to be and remain faithful to our various confessions; and

Because we believe there is a crisis of confusion within the church over several vital areas of our confessional beliefs which threatens to split the church and to silence its faithful and effective witness in the world; and

Because we have each vowed to "further the peace, unity, and purity of the church" (G-14.0207g); and

Because we are committed to the PC(USA) and believe we are called to be instruments of renewal within our denomination;

We the Session of North Presbyterian Church join brothers and sisters throughout the PC(USA) in reaffirming our belief that:

- Jesus Christ is Lord of all and God's only way of redeeming and reconciling the world to Himself;
(*Scripture*: John 14:6; Acts 4:12. *Confessions*: Heidelberg Q. 15, 18, 29 (4.015, 4.018, 4.029); Second Helvetic XI (5.077); C-67 I.A.1 (9.10, 9.11))
- The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the revealed and written word of God, the unique and authoritative witness to Christ, and the Church's only infallible rule for faith and practice;
(*Scripture*: 2 Tim. 3:16-17. *Confessions*: Second Helvetic I (5.001, 5.002); Westminster I.4, I.5 (6.004, 6.005); C-67 I.C.2 (9.27))
- God's people are called to exemplify God's creation intentions for all of life, which includes honoring the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman as the only appropriate relationship for the expression of sexual activity.
(*Scripture*: Matt. 19:4-6; Hebrews 13:4. *Confessions*: Heidelberg Q. 87 (4.087); C-67 II.A.4.d (9.47)).

We urge all Presbyterians who share these historic convictions to renew their individual commitments to these confessions.

We plead with all Presbyterians to examine their own convictions in light of the "confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do." (G-14.0207c).

We affirm the need to actively and honestly discuss and resolve the theological differences in our church in accordance with Biblical principles as interpreted by our confessions.

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