

Why should anyone join Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)?

Let me give you six reasons.

1. The first reason is freedom.

Congregations are free to make decisions that best serve the kingdom of God in their own communities and beyond.

2. The second reason is we have a high and historic view of Scripture.

We believe that the Bible is the only authoritative source of coming to know and trust Jesus Christ and the Faith described in our Lutheran Confessions. Societal culture, while it may be alluring, is not authoritative. For this reason we teach the proper distinction between Law and Gospel and the work of the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus Christ to the entire world. Why does God do this? He loves the world and seeks to save humanity through a righteousness alien to ourselves. The Bible calls this “salvation.” It is the gift of God through our Savior Jesus Christ. This is everlasting Gospel truth, the best news you shall ever hear!

3. The third reason is LCMC is the natural home for centrist Lutheran churches.

We are not bound to any social Gospel agendas, though congregations are free to embark on social work within their own communities or pursue

missionary efforts. We encourage both! On the national level we are committed to representative church governance with meaningful delegate voting by all participating LCMC congregations. Any changes in LCMC’s constitution or bylaws must be ratified by member congregations. This means that congregations, not church officials, control LCMC!

4. The fourth reason is we understand that the call to ordained ministry is one that God extends to both men and women.

5. The fifth reason is the flat structure of LCMC is a natural fit for this time and place.

As a people who live in an age of decentralization of power, our nation is founded upon principles which strive to keep important decisions as close to home as possible. In LCMC we describe this needful decision-making as being “from the ground up,” a principle that prospers in LCMC!

6. The sixth reason is while the structure of LCMC is “flat” when compared to other Lutheran church bodies, Districts are for real!

Districts are created on a voluntary basis by cooperating congregations for fellowship and mutually supported ministries. Here in the Pacific Northwest we call ours the Northwest District (NWD). To view our member Congregations, Newsletters, Resources and more go to: www.nw-lcmc.net.

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Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be
burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”
- Galatians 5:1

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for
my path.”
- Psalm 119:105



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