

The Session of Central Presbyterian Church of Downingtown Pennsylvania, meeting this 11th day of December 2001 joins faithful believers throughout the Church in confessing:

- That Jesus Christ alone is Lord of all and the way of salvation (BOC: 5.077; 6.043; 7.170).
- That Holy Scripture is the triune God's revealed Word, the Church's only infallible rule of faith and life (BOC: 3.19; 5.001-.003; 6.001-.010, .052, .184; 7.113).
- That God's people are called to holiness in all aspects of life. This includes, but is not limited to, honoring the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman, which was instituted and blessed by God as the only relationship within which sexual activity is appropriate (BOC: 4.087-4.091; 5.245-.251; 6.131-6.139; 7.247-.249; 7.070; 9.47; BOO: G-6.0106b).

We encourage all Presbyterians who share these historic Christian convictions to renew their individual commitments to the confessional statements in *The Book of Confessions* (BOC) and particularly the confessions stated above.

Furthermore, as officers in the Presbyterian Church (G-1.0303-4) we re-affirm the vows that we made during our ordination (G-14.0207 and G-14.0405) and particularly to the following as they relate to the confessions stated above:

- a. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledging him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
- b. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
- c. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
- d. Will you fulfill your office [*pastor, elder and/or deacon*] in obedience to Jesus Christ under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
- e. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
- f. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- g. Do you promise to further the peace, unity and purity of the church?

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