

Resolution on Christian Unity

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Whereas we find ourselves in particularly divisive times around matters of politics, preferences, opinions, ideologies, beliefs, affiliations, convictions, understandings, and interpretations,

And, Whereas the Cumberland Presbyterian Church has historically welcomed those from a broad scope of theological backgrounds, training, and upbringing,

And, Whereas the scriptures call for all followers of Christ to engage in the message and ministry of reconciliation (*2 Corinthians 5:14-21*),

And, Whereas Christ specifically emphasized a new commandment, that we love one another as Christ has loved us (*John 13:12-20, 31-35*),

And, Whereas the scriptures describe the organization of Christ's followers using the imagery of one body with many different parts (*1 Corinthians 12:12-27*),

And, Whereas the scriptures redefine our relationship with one another, not through our differences but through our common baptism into Christ (*Galatians 3:23-29*),

And, Whereas the Cumberland Presbyterian Confession of Faith states that, "*The church is one because her Head and Lord is one, Jesus Christ. Her oneness under her Lord is manifested in the one ministry of word and sacrament, not in any uniformity of covenantal expression, organization, or system of doctrine.*" (COF 5.02)

Therefore, be it resolved that the Greenville Cumberland Presbyterian Church adopt the following recommendations:

Recommendation 1: The Greenville Cumberland Presbyterian Church devotes itself to modeling a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect as a way of shining the light of Christ into the darkness of which our world is intimately familiar.

Recommendation 2: The Greenville Cumberland Presbyterian Church acknowledge that we are comprised of many members with a variety of theological perspectives who are joined together under the Lordship of Christ.

Recommendation 3: The Greenville Cumberland Presbyterian Church recommit itself to unity in Christ, even in the absence of uniformity of belief.