



Memorandum of Understanding

Between

the Augustana District of LCMC

And

the Canadian Association of Lutheran Congregations

“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

WHEREAS, the Canadian Association of Lutheran Congregations and the Augustana District of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ are formed to unite, serve, equip, encourage and empower congregations and individuals who share a common Lutheran and Confessional heritage, rooted in and shaped by the Holy Bible and our Lutheran Confessions, and a belief that our mission is found in Christ’s Great Commission: His call to us to be His disciples and make others His disciples.

THEREFORE, in the spirit of this common mission and praising God for the cordial relationship that has developed between CALC and the Augustana District, we pledge to work in cooperation, utilizing the resources God gives to each of our church bodies, whereby:

- Members and adherents of congregations belonging to either church body are always welcome to participate in the worship life of a congregation of the other church body.
- Members of congregations belonging to either church body may apply for membership in a congregation of the other church body, and when such application is approved, the membership in the former congregation transferred to the new congregation.
- Both church bodies will be open to considering one another’s ordained ministers for a call by their respective congregations.
- The two church bodies will promote one another’s events and feel free and welcome to participate in one another’s events.
- We acknowledge that common participation in certain meetings will be beneficial in our mutual desire to nurture and deepen the cooperative relationship between our two bodies. This will be particularly true regarding meetings of the President of CALC and the Chairperson of Augustana’s District Council, but it may also be applied to other boards, commissions and councils. Each of us, therefore, will periodically invite representatives of the other church body to such common meetings and to full participation (excluding only voting) in such meetings.
- The two church bodies will consider the sharing of resources in order to better advance their respective mission and purpose.
- The two church bodies will consider undertaking joint projects and supporting endeavors considered to be of mutual interest and benefit.

This document may be modified by our mutual agreement as determined from time to time. We pray that the Holy Spirit will both bless and guide our joint efforts in meeting the challenges placed before us by the Lord. The signing of this MOU is not a formal undertaking. It implies that the signatories will strive to reach, to the best of their ability, the objectives stated in the MOU.

On behalf of the organization I represent, I wish to sign this MOU and contribute to its further development. Signed this the 28th day of January, 2011:

Rev. Ed Skutshek, President,
Canadian Association of Lutheran Congregations

Rev. Randy Freund, Chair of the District Council
of the Augustana District, a non-geographic district in
Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ