

maintenance of worship, for the promotion of spiritual growth and fellowship, and for the conversion of men; that these churches, under the guidance of the Holy Scriptures, and in fellowship with one another, may determine—each for itself—their organization, statements of belief, and forms of worship; may appoint and set apart their own ministers, and should co-operate in the work which Christ has committed to them for the furtherance of the Gospel throughout the world.

XI. We believe in the observance of the Lord's Day, as a day of holy rest and worship; in the ministry of the word; and in the two sacraments which Christ has appointed for His Church; Baptism, to be administered to believers, and children, as the sign of cleansing from sin, of union to Christ, and of the impartation of the Holy Spirit; and the Lord's Supper, as a symbol of His atoning death, a seal of its efficacy, and a means whereby He confirms and strengthens the spiritual union and communion of believers with Himself.

XII. We believe in the ultimate prevalence of the kingdom of Christ over all the earth; in the glorious appearance of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ; in the resurrection of the dead; and in a final judgment, the issues of which are everlasting punishment and eternal life.

The Union also submit for the use of the churches, in the admission of members, the following

CONFESSION OF FAITH.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people. [Ps. cxvi. 12-14]

Whosoever, therefore, shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father which is in heaven. [Matt. x. 32, 33.]

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. [Rom. x. 10.]

Dearly beloved, called of God to be His children, through Jesus Christ our Lord, you are here that, in the presence of God and His people you may enter into the fellowship and communion of His Church. You do truly repent of your sins; you heartily receive Jesus Christ as your crucified Saviour and risen Lord, you consecrate yourself unto God and your life to His service; you accept His Word as your law, and His Spirit as your comforter and Guide; and, trusting to His grace to confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, you promise to do God's holy will, and to walk with this church in the truth and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accepting, according to the measure of your understanding of it, the system of Christian truth held by the churches of our faith and order, and by this church into whose fellowship you now enter, you join with ancient saints, with the church throughout the world, and with us your fellow believers, in humbly and heartily confessing your faith in the Gospel, saying:

I BELIEVE in God the FATHER Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And in JESUS CHRIST, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the HOLY GHOST, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the HOLY GHOST; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.