

*The following is the Basis of Union agreed upon by the Synod at its last meeting, and sent down to Congregations for approval :*

(Parties entitled to vote are communicants, male and female. Adherents may send up their opinions in a separate form.)

## **I. THE BASIS OF UNION.**

1. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being the Word of God, are the only infallible rule of faith and manners.

2. The Westminster Confession of Faith shall form the subordinate standard of this Church; the Larger and Shorter Catechisms shall be adopted by the Church, and appointed to be used for the instruction of the people—it being distinctly understood that nothing contained in the aforesaid Confession or Catechisms, regarding the power and duty of the Civil Magistrate, shall be held to sanction any principles or views inconsistent with full liberty of conscience in matters of religion.

3. The government and worship of this Church shall be in accordance with the recognized principles and practice of Presbyterian Churches, as laid down generally in the "Form of Presbyterian Church Government," and in "The Directory for the Public Worship of God."

4. This Church, while cherishing Christian affection towards the whole Church of God, and desiring to hold fraternal intercourse with it in its several branches, as opportunity offers, shall, at the same time, regard itself as being in such Ecclesiastical relations to Churches holding the same doctrine, government and discipline with itself, as that Ministers and Probationers from these Churches shall be received into this Church, subject to such regulations as shall, from time to time, be adopted.

(The above Basis was approved and accepted by the Synod *unanimously*, it being their conviction that there is nothing in it inconsistent with the principles which this Church holds and has always held.)