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Below is a confession of faith that she shared at one such event on October 1, 1968 in Cologne, which roused no small amount of critique (including at least one charge of heresy). I have no doubt that many in our pews would sit uneasy if this were read aloud in our church services. But whatever we make of it, it is certainly a great example of theological statements that are also political ones!

*CREDO*

*I believe in God  
who created the world not ready made  
like a thing that must forever stay what it is  
who does not govern according to eternal laws  
that have perpetual validity  
nor according to natural orders  
of poor and rich,  
experts and ignoramuses,  
people who dominate and people subjected.*

*I believe in God  
who desires the counter-argument of the living  
and the alteration of every condition  
through our work  
through our politics.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ  
who was right when he  
“as an individual who can’t do anything”  
just like us  
worked to alter every condition  
and came to grief in so doing  
Looking to him I discern  
how our intelligence is crippled,  
our imagination suffocates,  
and our exertion is in vain  
because we do not live as he did*

*Every day I am afraid  
that he died for nothing  
because he is buried in our churches,  
because we have betrayed his revolution  
in our obedience to and fear  
of the authorities.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ  
who is resurrected into our life  
so that we shall be free  
from prejudice and presumptuousness  
from fear and hate  
and push his revolution onward  
and toward his reign*

*I believe in the Spirit  
who came into the world with Jesus,  
in the communion of all peoples  
and our responsibility for what will become of our earth:  
a valley of tears, hunger, and violence  
or the city of God.*

*I believe in the just peace  
that can be created,  
in the possibility of meaningful life  
for all humankind,  
in the future of this world of God.*

*Amen*

*(39-40)*