

Faith in God, Lord of history, in Jesus, Proclaimer of the kingdom of God, and in the Spirit who is mightily at work in the course of history, this is the firm foundation of our words and deeds. We believe that God is finally the Liberator of the oppressed, the weak, and the poor. He will judge the evil powers. We believe that Jesus Christ proclaimed the coming of the kingdom of God to cast down the evil powers and that he will establish justice and peace for the oppressed, the outcasts, and the downtrodden. We also believe that the Spirit not only renews and sanctifies individual human beings but also re-creates the cosmos and history.

The following therefore is the confession of our faith as Christians:

1. We believe that we are destined by God the Judge and Lord of history to be representatives of the whole people and to pray for the deliverance of the oppressed and those who suffer wrong.
2. We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ calls us to live with the oppressed, the poor, and the outcast and to share their lot, just as he did in Judea; as Jesus witnessed to the truth before Pontius Pilate, the representative of the Roman empire, so we are called today to speak the truth to the rulers.
3. We believe that the Spirit constrains us to play our part not only in the transformation of our own character but also in the radical reform of the structures of power and in the creation of a new society and history. This Spirit is the Spirit of the kingdom of God who summons us to the struggle for social and political reconstruction.

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