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## **M**ISSION

The Association of Free Lutheran Congregations exists to make disciples of all nations and build up the body of Christ.

## **V**ISION

The vision of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations is summarized in the word, "TELL." Motivated by the commission of Christ, our desire is that all people everywhere hear the saving and sanctifying Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
(Matthew 28:18-20)

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is Freedom,"  
2 Corinthians 3:17

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# TELL



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## **T** RUE TO THE WORD OF GOD

We believe that all Scripture is God breathed, (2 Timothy 3:16,17). In full agreement with our Lutheran heritage, we believe that God's Word is the sole authority in all matters of doctrine, faith, and life (Sola Scriptura—The Word Alone). Therefore, all preaching and teaching must be subject to the Bible's inerrant truth. We urge that each local congregation, pastor, and our AFLC institutions and ministries to be devoted to the proclamation and application of the inspired Word of God. (2 Peter 1:20, 21) As the Word of God is proclaimed in all of our preaching and by our lives, we envision a fresh world – wide awakening and transforming reformation unto the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

## **E**MPHASIZING EVANGELISM

We believe that God has provided the gift of the forgiveness of sin and eternal life through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. The message of the cross and the hope of the resurrection bring life and salvation to all who believe. The Apostle Paul proclaimed that he was “eager to preach the gospel.” The reason for this eagerness was his conviction that the gospel, “is the power of God for salvation to every one who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek,” (Romans 1:15,16).

Our vision for the people of this world is that all would come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We have a burning desire for every man, woman, and child to hear the good news of salvation and to receive the gift of eternal life. Our burden for lost people comes from the heart of God who desires all people “to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.” (1 Tim. 2:4) We will not stop the work of evangelism until the Lord returns. We earnestly seek to pray and be faithful in using every resource to bring the message of salvation to every person.

We believe that the local congregation is the right form of the kingdom of God upon earth. The congregation is where the Word of God is preached and the Sacraments administered. We envision every congregation to be consumed with a passion for reaching lost souls for Christ. Motivated by the Holy Spirit, we would join together as an Association of Free Lutheran Congregations to reach the world for Christ.

## **L**UTHERAN BY CONVICTION

We believe that the historical Confessions of the Lutheran Church give a true and accurate understanding of Scripture. We believe that these Confessional writings express who we are as Christians and unite us in our understanding of the Sacraments and all areas of doctrine.

We envision that by Biblical preaching and teaching, the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations will be a faithful witness for Christ. Our vision is that every congregation and pastor will be thoroughly trained in the Word of God and used to encourage the broader Lutheran family to return to the historic and Biblical Lutheran Confessions of our forefathers.

## **L**IVING IN CHRIST

We believe that every Christian is to have a true and living faith in Jesus Christ. Life in Christ is expressed by living in fellowship with the Lord, trusting in Him alone for salvation, growing in His Word, cultivating a life of prayer, and serving Him in word and deed. (John 15:5)

Loving God and loving our neighbor is at the heart of living in Christ. Our love for God is expressed in our love and service to others. (John 13:34, 35) We believe that the Lord will use individuals, congregations, and the AFLC to change the world as the Lord motivates us through the power of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God. As salt and light in a dark and dying world we envision that the Lord will use us as we are committed to prayer and personal action trusting the Holy Spirit to bring the Gospel to the lost, strengthen and restore marriages and families, encourage the weak, comfort the sorrowing, hope for dying, and purpose for the living.