

Fellowship of Confessing Churches

meaningful unity between gospel congregations



A Fellowship of Confessing Churches

We are a fellowship of congregations of the Church of Scotland, united in the communion of the one Spirit and committed to work, pray and support one another in the common mission of Christ to the people of Scotland and beyond.

We are a confessing fellowship in that as members we confess the faith of Christ crucified, stand firm for the biblical gospel, affirm the historic creeds of catholic Christianity, and subscribe to the subordinate standard of the Church of Scotland, the Westminster Confession of Faith.

It is a covenanting fellowship in that as congregations we covenant together to support one another in remaining faithful to these standards, not denying our only Lord and Master Jesus Christ in our practice, but actively submitting to his word in Scripture as the supreme rule of faith and life for all, and calling others similarly to the obedience of faith.

We are not a breakaway group, but we are alarmed at the determination of some within our denomination to force heterodox teaching and practice into the churches. We therefore believe it is necessary at this time to publicly mark the boundary between orthodox Christianity and spurious forms that claim the same name, and make clear and public our rejection of new teachings and practices which depart from the historic Christian faith, turn away from the orthodox gospel of repentance and faith, and publicly sanctify what the Bible proclaims as sin.

We reaffirm the contemporary rule of Christ Jesus as the sole King and Head of his Church, and acknowledge that all leaders, officers and courts of the church are subject to him and to his authority. We are members of his body, the church, only through his grace and mercy, and are called to trust and obey him at all times.

We reaffirm the primacy of the local church as God's vehicle for mission in the world and call on others to reaffirm the true and real rule of the one Lord Jesus Christ and, with all such faithful congregations within the Church of Scotland, to reform and revitalise our churches and expand Christ's mission to Scotland and to the world.

The confessing Churches Covenant is the basis of our fellowship.