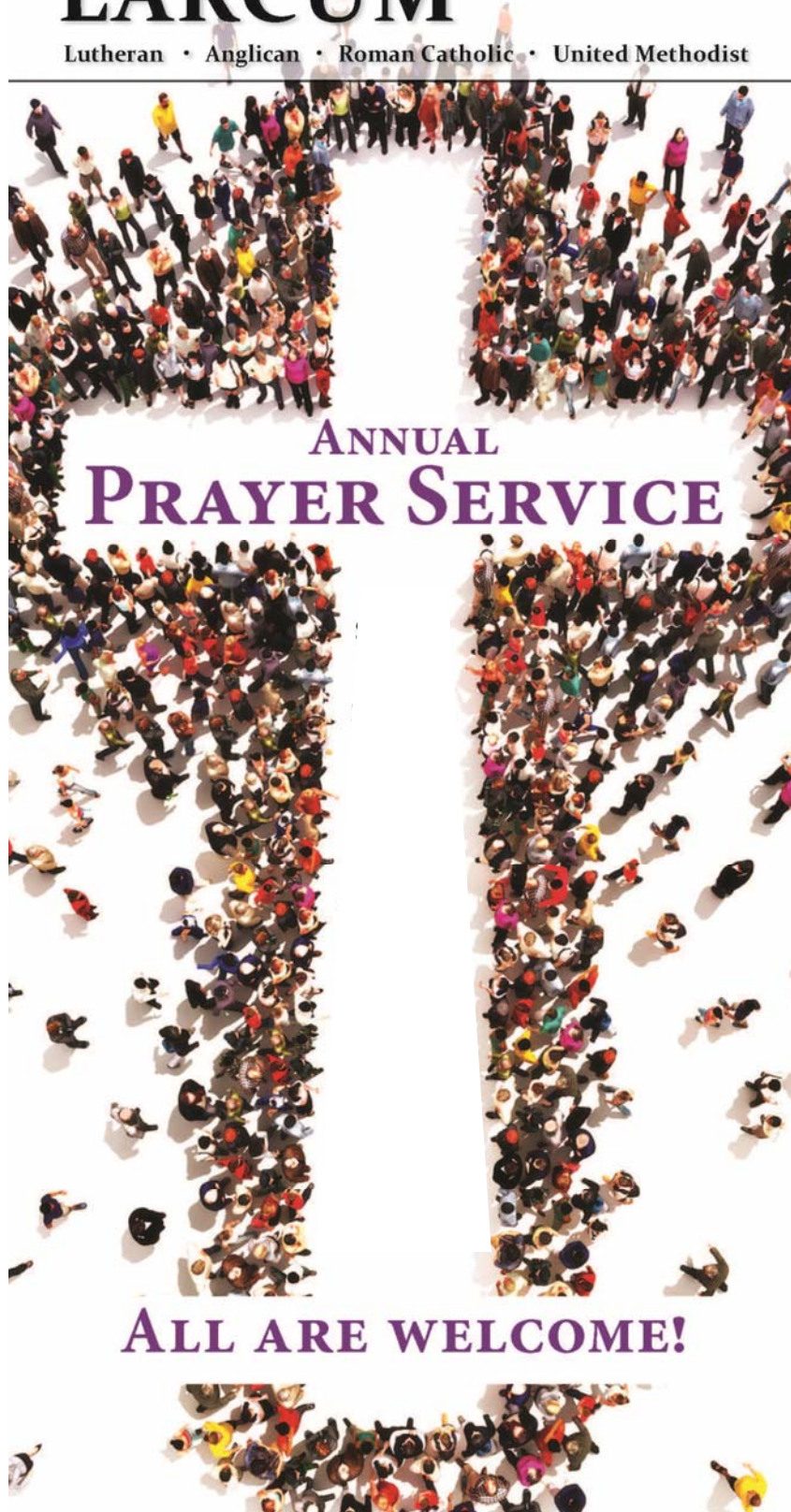


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## ANNUAL PRAYER SERVICE

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Sunday, January 24, 2016

Grace Church Cathedral  
Charleston, South Carolina



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## Annual Prayer Service

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*Welcome to Grace Church Cathedral, celebrating its 170th year of service and worship in Charleston.  
Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

### Voluntary

*Solemn Melody  
Rhosymedre*

Henry Walford Davies  
Ralph Vaughn Williams

*At the conclusion of the Organ Voluntary, please stand for the Introit.*

### Introit

*Ubi caritas*

Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.  
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where there is charity and love, God is there.  
The love of Christ has gathered us together.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Let us revere and love the living God.  
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

### Processional Hymn

*Christ is made the sure foundation*

Westminster Abbey (518)

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the Church in one;  
holy Zion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.
2. All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.

3. To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness  
hear thy servants as they pray,  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls away.
4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain;  
what they gain from thee, for ever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.

*Please be seated.*

### Bishop's Welcome

The Right Reverend Charles G. vonRosenberg  
*Bishop of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina*

*Please stand.*

### Collect

**Bishop vonRosenberg:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Bishop vonRosenberg:** Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**The First Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

Reader: The Reverend L. Jonathan Holston  
*Resident Bishop of the South Carolina United Methodist Conference*

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 23:1-4** (*choir*)

Humphrey Clucas

The Lord is my shepherd  
therefore can I lack nothing.  
He shall feed me in a green pasture  
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.  
He shall convert my soul  
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

**The Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:13-22**

Reader: The Reverend Dr. Herman R. Yoos  
*Bishop of the South Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

**Hymn**

*When Christ was lifted from the earth*

St. Botolph (603)

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| 1. When Christ was lifted from the earth,<br>his arms stretched out above<br>through every culture, every birth,<br>to draw an answering love. | 3. Where generation, class or race<br>divide us to our shame,<br>he sees not labels but a face,<br>a person and a name.         |
| 2. Still east and west his love extends,<br>and always, near or far,<br>he calls and claims us as his friends<br>and loves us as we are.       | 4. Thus freely loved, though fully known,<br>may I in Christ be free<br>to welcome and accept his own<br>as Christ accepted me. |

Brian Wren (b.1936)

**Bishop Guglielmono:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

**Bishop Guglielmono:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Please be seated.*

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Dr. Kenneth Monroe  
*Bishop of the South Atlantic District of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church*

*Please stand.*

**Hymn**

*God is Love, let heaven adore him*

Abbot's Leigh (379)

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| <p>1. God is Love, let heaven adore him;<br/>       God is Love, let earth rejoice;<br/>       let creation sing before him<br/>       and exalt him with one voice.<br/>       God who laid the earth's foundation,<br/>       God who spread the heaven above,<br/>       God who breathes through all creation:<br/>       God is Love, eternal Love.</p> | <p>2. God is Love; and Love enfolds us,<br/>       all the world in one embrace:<br/>       with unfailing grasp God holds us,<br/>       every child of every race.<br/>       And when human hearts are breaking<br/>       under sorrow's iron rod,<br/>       then we find that selfsame aching<br/>       deep within the heart of God.</p> |
| <p>3. God is Love; and though with blindness<br/>       sin afflicts all human life,<br/>       God's eternal loving-kindness<br/>       guides us through our earthly strife.<br/>       Sin and death and hell shall never<br/>       o'er us final triumph gain;<br/>       God is Love, so Love for ever<br/>       o'er the universe must reign.</p>    |  |

## Renewal of Baptismal Vows: The Baptismal Covenant

**Bishop vonRosenberg:** Let us join together and renew our shared Baptismal Covenant.  
Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**People:** I do.

**Bishop Guglielmone:** Do you believe in God the Father?

**People:** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

**Bishop Yoos:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People:** I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**Bishop Waldo:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People:** I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

**Bishop Holston:** Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,  
and in the prayers?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

**Bishop Monroe:** Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,  
repent and return to the Lord?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

**Bishop vonRosenberg:** Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

**Bishop Guglielmone:** Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

**Bishop Yoos:** Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity  
of every human being?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

**Bishop Holston:** May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new  
birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins,  
keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

**Anthem**

*O pray for the peace of Jerusalem*

Herbert Howells

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls and plenteousness within thy palaces. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee.

*Please stand.*

**Confession, Repentance, Forgiveness and Commitment**

*Adapted from the United Church of Christ's "Prayers for Racial Justice Sunday" ([www.ucc.org/worship/ways](http://www.ucc.org/worship/ways)) and from the United Church of Canada ([www.united-church.ca/bfw/resources.shtm](http://www.united-church.ca/bfw/resources.shtm))*

***Bishop Waldo:***

Gracious God, we thank you for making one human family of all the peoples of the earth and for creating all the wonderful diversity of cultures.

***People:*** Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship and show us your presence in those who differ most from us.

***Fr. Buchanan:***

From the bondage of racism that denies the humanity of every human being and the prejudices within us that deny the dignity of those who are oppressed, Lord set us free:

***People:*** Lord, have mercy.

***The Rev. C. Alexander McDonald:***

From racism that blinds oppressors to the destruction caused by the spirit and practice of racial injustice, Christ set us free:

***People:*** Christ, have mercy.

***Bishop Holston:***

From the racism that will not recognize the work of your Spirit in other cultures: Lord set us free:

***People:*** Lord, have mercy.

***The Rev. Kathy James:***

Forgive those of us who have been silent and apathetic in the face of racial intolerance and bigotry, both overt and subtle, public and private.

***People:*** And take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts.

***Canon Carrie Graves:***

Break down the walls that separate us.

***People:*** And help us to find that unity that is the fruit of righteousness.

***Bishop Yoos:***

Empower us to speak boldly for justice and truth and help us to deal with one another without hatred or bitterness, working together with mutual forbearance and respect.

***People:*** And work through our struggles and confusion to accomplish your purposes.

***The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Monroe:***

O God of unconditional love,  
you who show no partiality in respect to people or nations,  
we have heard your good news of great joy for all the people.  
We hear that good news, and in hearing, believe.  
We know that your sanctuary is a house of worship for all people,  
with no regard for the color of our skin.  
As we worship you, knit us into a people,  
a seamless garment of many colors.  
May we celebrate our unity, made whole in our diversity.  
Forgive us for our inability to let our “old selves” die to the world.

***People:*** We acknowledge that we participate in structures that are inherently racist,  
and yet we so often do nothing to remedy it.  
Show us we fail when we judge others according to the color of their flesh.

***Bishop Waldo:***

God, who is rich in mercy, loves us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together  
with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your  
hearts through faith.

***People:*** Amen.

**Hymn**

*Love divine, all loves excelling*

Hyfrydol (657)

*An offering is received during the hymn, and is designated for the South Carolina Christian Action Council.*

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| <p>1. Love divine, all loves excelling,<br/>joy of heaven, to earth come down,<br/>fix in us thy humble dwelling,<br/>all thy faithful mercies crown.<br/>Jesus, thou art all compassion,<br/>pure, unbounded love thou art;<br/>visit us with thy salvation,<br/>enter every trembling heart.</p> | <p>2. Come, almighty to deliver,<br/>let us all thy life receive;<br/>suddenly return, and never,<br/>nevermore thy temples leave.<br/>Thee we would be always blessing,<br/>serve thee as thy hosts above,<br/>pray, and praise thee without ceasing,<br/>glory in thy perfect love.</p> | <p>3. Finish then thy new creation;<br/>pure and spotless let us be;<br/>let us see thy great salvation<br/>perfectly restored in thee:<br/>changed from glory into glory,<br/>till in heaven we take our place,<br/>till we cast our crowns before thee,<br/>lost in wonder, love, and praise.</p> |
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**Closing Prayers**

***The Rev. Mary M. Finklea***

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly city, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

***People:*** Amen.

***The Rev. Jeffrey Richardson:***

Almighty and everlasting God, by your Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified. Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in our vocation and ministry we may truly and devoutly serve you, through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

***People:*** Amen.



## The Lord's Prayer

**Dean Wright:**

Gathering all our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Savior taught us, saying,

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

*All Bishops stand before the Altar together.*

**Bishop Guglielmo:** In Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek,

**People:** There is neither slave nor free,

**Bishop Holston:** There is neither male nor female,

**People:** For we are all one in Christ Jesus.

**Bishop Waldo:** Blessed be the name of the Lord.

**People:** Now and for ever.

**Bishop Yoos:** Our help is in the name of the Lord:

**People:** The Maker of heaven and earth.

**Bishop vonRosenberg:** The Blessing, mercy and grace of God almighty be upon you,

**All Bishops:** The +Father, the +Son and the +Holy Spirit.

**Choir:**

*Amen*

Gerald Finzi

**Processional Hymn**

*The love of Jesus calls us*

Aurelia (Hymn 525)

1. The love of Jesus calls us  
our joyous praise to sing;  
our deeply felt thanksgivings  
we now together bring,  
for all God's many blessings,  
unasked yet still received,  
and for the generations  
who faithfully believed.
2. The love of Jesus calls us,  
that we may always be  
companions on a journey,  
where all the world may see  
that serving Christ is freedom  
which time does not destroy;  
where Christ's command is duty,  
and every duty joy.
3. The love of Jesus calls us  
to go where he would go,  
to challenge all that limits,  
to change, to learn, to grow,  
to know that Christ has freed us,  
that prisons are no more;  
for those who seek his kingdom,  
Christ opens every door.
4. The love of Jesus calls us,  
in swiftly changing days,  
to be God's co-creators  
in new and wondrous ways;  
that God with men and women  
may so transform the earth,  
that love and peace and justice  
may give God's kingdom birth.

Herbert O'Driscoll (b. 1928)

**Dismissal**

*The Rev. Susan Heath:* Go as one to love and serve the Lord by loving and serving others.  
*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Voluntary**

*Fanfare*

John Cook



*Please join us in Hanahan Hall for a reception immediately following the service*



*The flowers in the church are given to the Glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for the ecumenical ministry of LARCUM*



*Today's offering is designated for the South Carolina Christian Action Council. The mission of the SCCAC is to promote and facilitate dialogue among diverse Christian traditions on matters of belief and practice; and to work in partnership to advocate for social justice, promote peace-making, and foster racial and cultural healing and reconciliation. Its vision: South Carolina as a community where people of faith unite to glorify God through worship, social justice, peace, and mercy.*



Gifts of Grace, the bookstore of Grace Church Cathedral,  
will be open following this service

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[www.larcumsc.org](http://www.larcumsc.org)

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## **LARCUM Bishops**

The Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmo  
*Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Charleston*

The Rev. L. Jonathan Holston  
*Bishop of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church*

The Rt. Rev. Charles G. vonRosenberg  
*Bishop of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina*

The Rt. Rev. W. Andrew Waldo  
*Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina*

The Rev. Dr. Herman R. Yoos, III  
*Bishop of the South Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America*

## **Steering Committee**

The Rev. Mary M. Finklea  
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The Rev. Susan Heath  
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The Rev. Furman Buchanan  
*Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Greenville*

Canon Carrie Graves  
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## **Service Participants**

The Reverend Dr. Kenneth Monroe, Preacher  
The Venerable Calhoun Walpole, Vicar and Subdean  
Dr. James Hutchisson, Verger and Master of Acolytes  
Joseph Behre, Crucifer  
Carl Millford, Peggy Mauldin, Gary Tasker, Dale Tasker,  
Ian MacDonald and Margaret MacDonald, Ushers  
St. Gregory Choir  
Nigel Potts, Canon Organist and Master of the Music

## A Call to Covenant

We Bishops, in the name of our respective churches, relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the faithful love of the Triune God, commit ourselves to celebrate the unity already among us, and in the spirit of Philippians 3:13, “forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,” pledge ourselves to strengthen the visible unity of the Body of Christ in South Carolina and exhort the faithful to live and work courageously in the hope of reconciliation and unity in our common Lord.

THEREFORE, we solemnly enter into this Covenant and commit ourselves to the following actions. In behalf of the unity of the church, WE WILL:

1. Commit ourselves as bishops to pray for one another and for the unity of the Church and to encourage the congregations we serve to do the same.
2. Make available and recommend the use of a common baptismal certificate.
3. Use the occasion of our members' marrying to encourage each member of the couple to a renewal of commitment to his/her respective church, employing the pastoral involvement of both churches.
4. Encourage programs for spiritual nourishment of interchurch families.
5. Remove obstacles to unity by learning more about one another's beliefs, traditions, and practices, and encourage the members of our congregations to do likewise.
6. Share information at the level of our bishops prior to releasing information or statements on controversial issues to the press.
7. Increase unity by gathering for an annual worship service of repentance and prayer for Christian unity and encourage similar common services at the local level.
8. Meet annually to plan opportunities for further expression of Christian unity and opportunities to partner together in mission.
9. Make it a priority, within our participation in the South Carolina Christian Action Council, to invite other churches into ecumenical dialogue.
10. Encourage racial understanding and racial harmony in South Carolina.
11. Cooperate in welcoming the immigrant by working together to promote justice, provide social outreach and advocacy and encourage and assist immigrants to attend their respective church faith communities.
12. Support the full flourishing of public education in South Carolina by encouraging our congregations to respond to the needs of students, teachers and parents in public schools and by engaging in a dialogue with our state legislators to support initiatives that improve public education.

May the Holy Spirit, who has brought us to this moment of covenanting, bring us to ever deepening levels of unity. To this end we affix our signatures and will appoint a representative to the LARCUM steering Committee in order to develop strategies to implement this covenant among and within our respective judicatories in South Carolina.



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