
FULL COMMUNION CELEBRATION

WE SING OUR PRAISE!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND LITANY



That they may all be one.

John 17:21



The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
in the United States and Canada





WHAT IS FULL COMMUNION?

A WAY WE LIVE AS A FAITH COMMUNITY

With the full communion agreement between The United Church of Canada and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) we mark a new era of ecumenical partnership in North America.

Full communion agreements generally rest on five pillars of acceptance and cooperation: common confession of Christ, mutual recognition of members, common celebration of the Lord's Supper/Holy Communion, mutual recognition and reconciliation of ordered ministers, and common commitment to mission. When two churches envision full communion it is a mutual commitment to grow together towards a vision of the church that enriches our theological traditions, enhances service and mission, and deepens worship.

The United Church of Canada and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada share a rich history in North America. This includes two joint United-Disciples congregations—one in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and one in Calgary, Alberta. Both churches are in full communion with the United Church of Christ in the USA. And we all share global partners through Global Ministries and Church in Mission. In this covenantal relationship, we commit to being one Church, not in merger but in God's gift of unity that serves the world that God so loves.

May this journey of full communion be truly transformative and may God lead this journey with divine wisdom and in grace.

WE SING OUR PRAISE!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*An affirmation of faith inspired by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
and The United Church of Canada*

In the communion of the Holy Spirit,
that joins us together in discipleship:

We sing our praise to the One and Triune God,
the Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love;
We confess that Jesus is the Christ,
the Holy One embodied that calls us to witness and service; and
We receive the Holy Spirit,
the guide that empowers the whole people of God to receive the gift of ministry
for the mending of the world.

By the bonds of Christian faith,
We are called to be the church:

To yield ourselves to God,
whose covenant of love binds us to one another;
To celebrate the transforming works of the Spirit through,
God's reconciling power in the waters of baptism, and
Christ's saving acts in the bread and cup; and,
To proclaim Jesus Christ, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
the triune God is with us,
we are not alone.
May all blessing, glory and honour be to God,
Now and forever.

LITANY OF COMMITMENT

With these words, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and The United Church of Canada declare what we already know to be true: that we are one body in Christ and join with the wider church in making our commitment to be in Full Communion.

Will we work with other people of good will who are committed to compassion, peace, and justice?

Yes, with God's Help.

Will we recognize and support those whom we have set apart for the service of ministry?

Yes, with God's Help.

Will we acknowledge each other as belonging to the body of Christ in all places and at all times?

Yes, with God's Help.

Will we serve the needs of all creation in mutual trust and dedication in order to be a blessing in the world?

Yes, with God's Help.

Will we worship together, proclaiming the gospel and sharing in the waters of baptism and the bread and cup of Jesus?

Yes, with God's Help.

Will we seek opportunities to learn and engage in service together as a means of strengthening each other in commitment to our common faith and purpose?

Yes, with God's Help.



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For more information and resources regarding the full communion relationship between The United Church of Canada and the Disciples of Christ, visit Council on Christian Unity website at <https://cuim.org>