

REFORMATION SUNDAY:  
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THE FIFTH CENTENARY

Holy Trinity Parish  
October 29, 2017  
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# Common Commemoration



31 October 2016 – 31 October 2017



# *Five Centenaries*

- 1617** Eve of the 30 Years War, “the Wars of Religion,” Reformation Day
- 1717:** Minting of Coins; Pietism and Emphasis on Direct Experience of God
- 1817:** The Enlightened Luther, the Opening of the Modern Era and of the Church of Reason, Fourth Anniversary of Defeat of Napoleon’s German Campaign
- 1917:** German Nationalism during War
- 2017** Ecumenical Celebrations in Sweden, Rome, and across the World

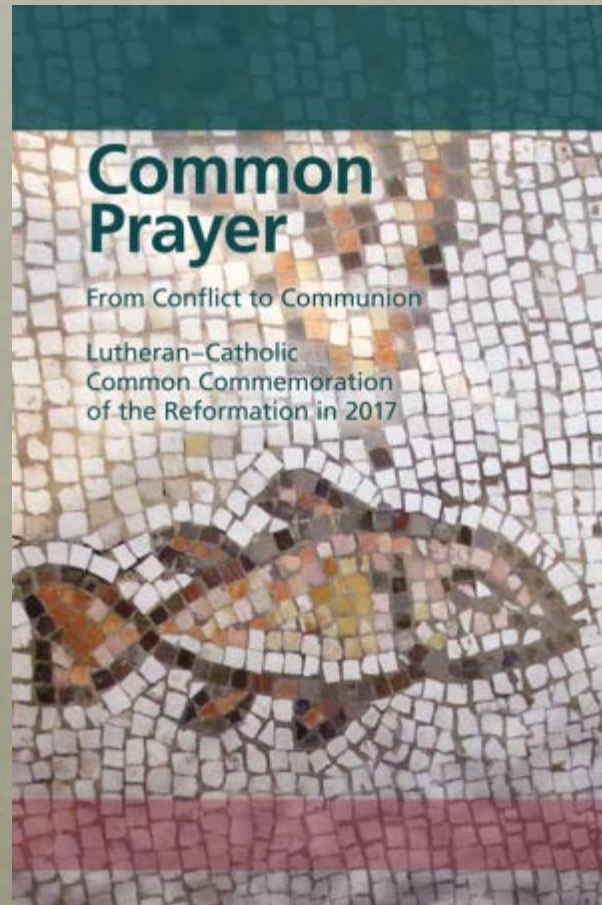
# 2017--Common Commemoration



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# Common Prayer: Common Commemoration



# *Bishop Munib Younan and Pope Francis*

## *October 31, 2016*

“Fifty years of sustained and fruitful ecumenical dialogue between Catholics and Lutherans have helped us to overcome many differences and have deepened our mutual understanding and trust. At the same time, we have drawn closer to one another through joint service to our neighbors - often in circumstances of suffering and persecution.”



# *Pope Francis in Sweden*



**Pope Francis and Archbishop Jackelén  
October 31, 2016**



# *Bishop Younan and Pope Francis*

## *October 31, 2016*

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# Rome Bookshop (2017)



# Cardinal Walter Kasper on the Reception of Luther *Martin Luther: An Ecumenical Perspective* (2016)



Last Supper and Eucharist  
Piety

Apostolic Office in the Church:  
Historical Episcopacy

Apostolic Role: To Preach the  
Gospel

Church, Office and Eucharist



# VATICAN II: 1962-1965



# *Martin Luther and Vatican II (1962-1965)*

1. Decisive Importance of Bible in Life and Teaching of the Church
2. The Church as “The People of God”
3. The Continuing Renewal of the Church
4. Confession of Faith in the Cross of Jesus Christ
5. Church Ministry as Service
6. The Priesthood of All Believers
7. The Individual’s Right to Liberty in Religious Matters
8. Renewal of the Liturgy, Vernacular in the Liturgy, and Restoration of the Communion Cup.



# Paul VI, Ecumenical Prayer, and Ecumenical Commitment





# *US Catholic-Lutheran Dialogue*

Status of Nicene Creed as Dogma for the Church (1965)

One Baptism for the Remission of Sins (1966)

The Eucharist (1967)      Eucharist and Ministry (1970)

Differing Attitudes toward Papal Primacy (1973)

Teaching Authority and Infallibility in the Church (1978)

## **Justification by Faith (1983)**

The One Mediator, the Saints, and Mary (1990)

Scripture and Tradition (1995)

The Church as *Koinonia* of Salvation (2004)

The Hope of Eternal Life (2010)

# *Lutheran-Catholic Commission on Unity*

*LUTHERANWORLD FEDERATION and the*

*PONTIFICAL COUNCIL PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY*

**Phase I:**        The Gospel and the Church (1972)

**Phase II:**        The Eucharist (1978)  
All Under One Christ (1980)  
Ways to Community (1980)  
The Ministry in the Church (1981)  
Martin Luther - Witness to Jesus Christ (1983)  
Facing Unity: Models, Forms and Phases of  
Catholic-Lutheran Church Fellowship (1984)

**Phase III:**        Church and Justification (1993)

**Phase IV:**        The Apostolicity of the Church (2006)

# *Special Commission on the Doctrine of Justification*

## Phase III

Church and Justification (1993)

Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of  
Justification (1997)

"Official Common Statement and Annex" to the  
Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification  
(June 11, 1999)

**Signing** of the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine  
of Justification (October 31, 1999 - Augsburg,  
Germany)



# *Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification (1999)*



**Bishop Christian Krause and Cardinal Edward Cassidy** signing the *Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification* in Augsburg, Germany on October 31, 1999

# *Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification (1999)*

- The major milestone in Lutheran-Catholic relations
- Effective bridge over the Protestant-Catholic divide
- A two-fold agreement:
  1. A consensus that condemnations of the Reformation era no longer apply
  2. A common expression on justification
- A **differentiating consensus**: encompassing consensus in basic truths and differing explications in particular statements that are compatible with it.



# *Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification (1999)*

1. Justification is the work of the triune God: by grace alone, in faith in Christ's saving work and not because of any merit on our part, we are accepted by God and receive the Holy Spirit, who renews our hearts while equipping us and calling us to good works.
2. All are called by God to salvation in Christ; the Holy Spirit works through Word and Sacrament in the community of believers.
3. We are sinners, our new life is solely due to God's forgiveness and mercy, and we receive this gift in faith, never meriting it.
4. Justification stands in an essential relations to all truths of faith.



# *Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification (1999)*

## Seven Differentiated Affirmations:

- 1) human powerlessness and sin in relation to justification;
- 2) justification as forgiveness of sins and making righteous;
- 3) justification by faith and through grace;
- 4) the justified sinner;
- 5) law and gospel;
- 6) assurance of salvation;
- 7) the good works of the justified

# *#3 Justification by Faith and through Grace*

Faith Hope Love

**Believers “place their trust in God’s gracious promise by justifying faith, which includes hope in God and love for him. Such a faith is active in love and thus the Christian cannot and should not remain without works.”**



# *Justification by Faith and through Grace*

## *Differentiating Consensus*

Lutherans: “because God's act is a new creation, it affects all dimensions of the person and leads to a life in hope and love.” “Such a faith is active in love and thus the Christian cannot and should not remain without works” but that “whatever in the justified precedes or follows the free gift of faith is neither the basis of justification nor merits it.”

Catholics: “in justification the righteous receive from Christ faith, hope, and love and are thereby taken into communion with him. While Catholic teaching emphasizes the renewal of life by justifying grace, this renewal in faith, hope, and love is always dependent on God's unfathomable grace and contributes nothing to justification about which one could boast before God”

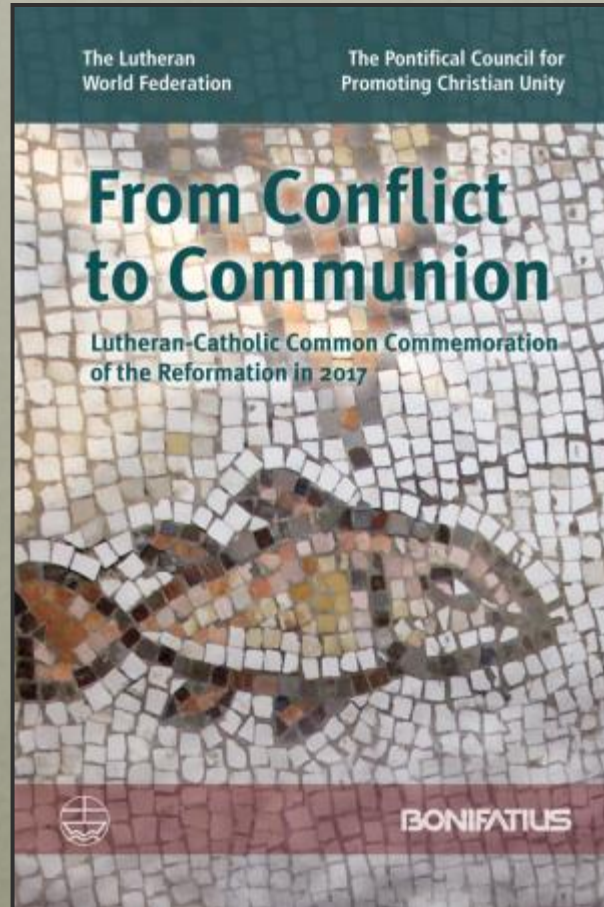


# *Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification (1999)*



**Dr. Ishamel Noko** (General Secretary, LWF)  
**Bishop Walter Kasper** (Secretary, PCPCU)

# Common Commemoration



# *From Conflict to Communion (2013)*

From Conflict to Communion: Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017

Report of the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Commission on Unity (2013)

Five Ecumenical Imperatives



# *Five Ecumenical Imperatives of “From Conflict to Communion”*

**The first imperative:** Catholics and Lutherans should always begin from the perspective of unity and not from the point of view of division in order to strengthen what is held in common even though the differences are more easily seen and experienced.

# *Five Ecumenical Imperatives of “From Conflict to Communion”*

**The second imperative:** Lutherans and Catholics must let themselves continuously be transformed by the encounter with the other and by the mutual witness of faith.

# *Five Ecumenical Imperatives of “From Conflict to Communion”*

**The third imperative:** Catholics and Lutherans should again commit themselves to seek visible unity, to elaborate together what this means in concrete steps, and to strive repeatedly toward this goal.



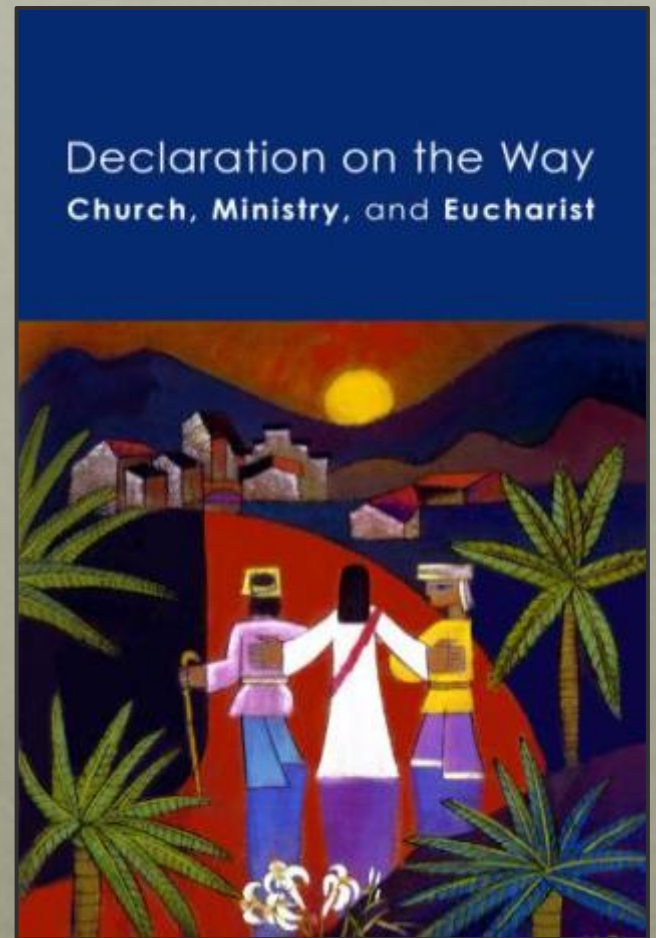
# *Five Ecumenical Imperatives of “From Conflict to Communion”*

**The fourth imperative:** Lutherans and Catholics should jointly rediscover the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ for our time.

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**The fifth imperative:** Catholics and Lutherans should witness together to the mercy of God in proclamation and service to the world.

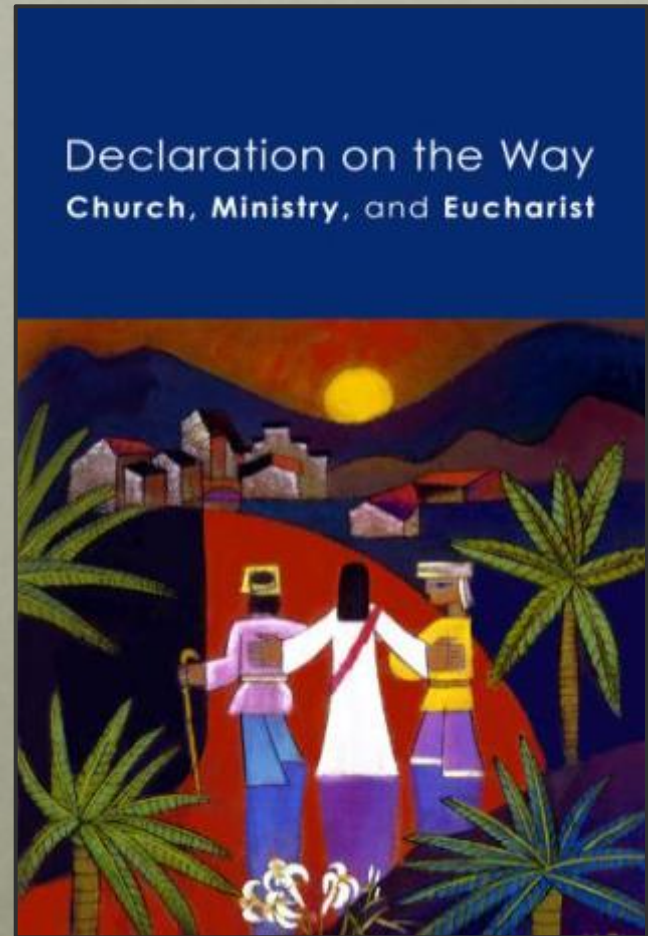
# *New Genre: A Declaration on the Way ?*





# *Declaration on the Way* ELCA and USCCB (2015)

Among the faithful there  
is a “holy impatience”  
as they pray and long  
for clearer and deeper  
expressions of  
our unity in Christ.

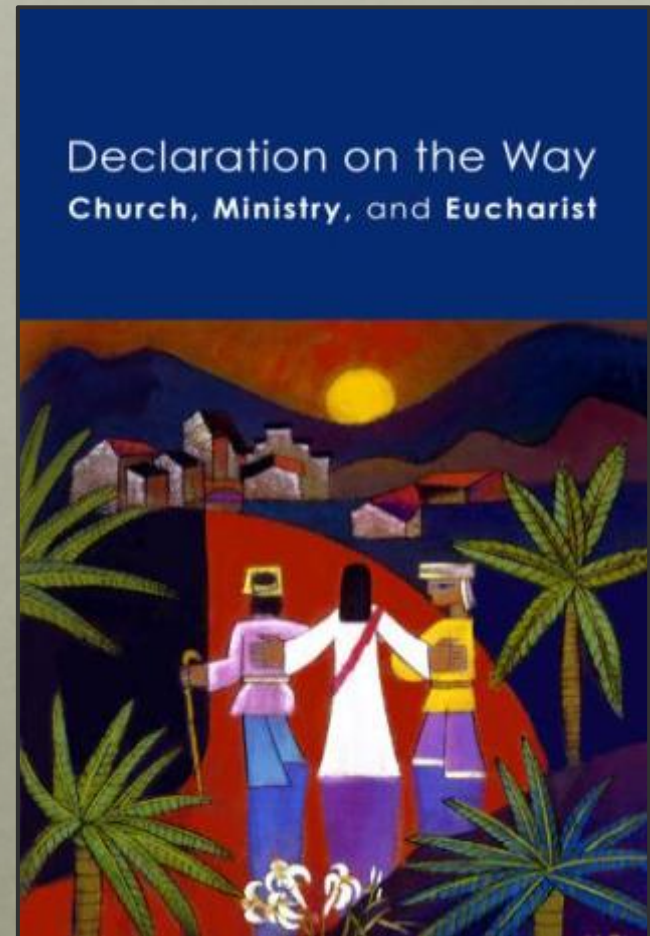


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CHURCH

MINISTRY

EUCCHARIST



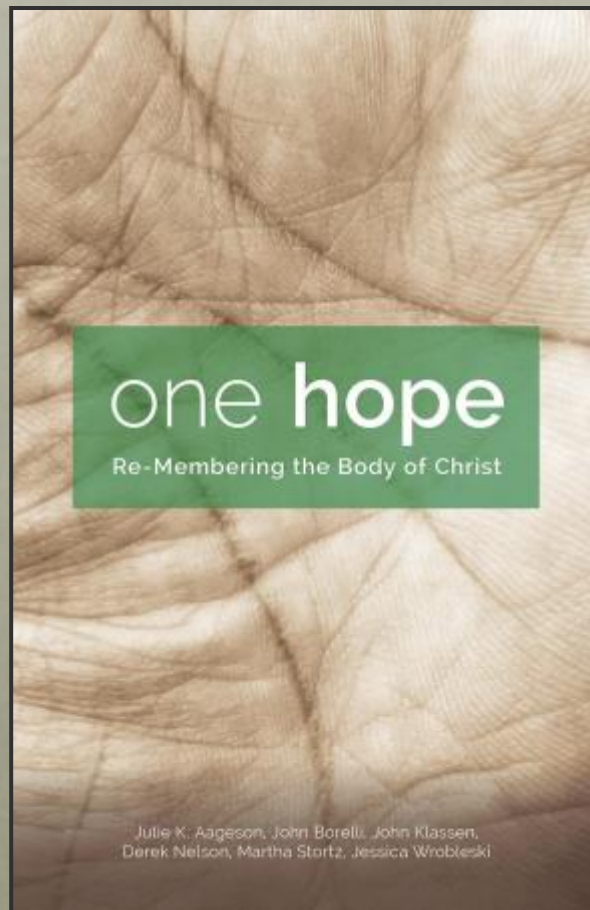


# *Declaration on the Way: Next Steps*

1. Implement the 32 agreements on church, ministry and Eucharist
2. Create a process and timetable for remaining issues
3. Expand opportunities for Holy Communion together
4. Address moral issues deemed church-dividing
5. Deepen common activities already well-established:  
PRAYER, EDUCATION, COLLABORATION



# One Hope



*One Hope*  
*Re-Membering the Body of Christ*

**Breathing and Praying**

**Eating and Drinking**

**Singing and Worshiping**

**Forgiving and Reconciling**

**Serving and Seeking Justice**

**Dying and Grieving**

*Bishop Younan and Pope Francis*  
*October 31, 2016*





# *Statement of Bishop Younan and Pope Francis*

**“Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.” (John 15:4).**

**“Through dialogue and shared witness we are no longer strangers. Rather, we have learned that what unites us is greater than what divides us.”**

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# Bring God's Mercy to All

*“How can I find a merciful God?”*



**As Lutherans and Catholics, we pray together in this cathedral, conscious that without God we can do nothing. We ask his help so that we can be living members, abiding in him, ever in need of his grace, so that together we may bring his word to the world, which so greatly needs his tender love and mercy.**