



International Lutheran Council

Resolution 2: To Encourage Faithful Practice of Member Churches in Matters of Church Fellowship

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- Whereas there is agreement amongst all ILC members that unity of doctrine and practice is the only basis for Church Fellowship; and
- Whereas there are differences in detailed applications of Church Fellowship in pastoral situations and in different historical and cultural contexts; and
- Whereas some churches of the ILC, while holding broadly to a common understanding of the basis for Church Fellowship namely agreement in doctrine and practice, participate in the LWF for reasons that are unique to their situations and in such a way as not to deny the basis for confessional fellowship;
- therefore be it
- Resolved:** that in respecting the autonomy of churches, the ILC holds it to be the responsibility of each member church to act in matters of Church Fellowship according to its conscience on the basis of the revealed Word of God, and our confessions; and be it finally
- Resolved:** that the ILC and all its members encourage one another in the faithful expressions of unity of doctrine and practice, and to accept such fraternal encouragement from one another.

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