

# THE ACNA-EMC 2019 CONCORDAT, DRAFTING OF

Feast of St. Andrew, 2019

This concordat is an agreement between the Episcopal Missionary Church (EMC) and the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA). Our mutual interest is the immediate full communion and the eventual full coalescence of the two bodies even as the ACNA has a vision and is pledged to that goal among all the existing ecclesiastical bodies which currently make up the ACNA. Fundamental to this concordat are the following:

- 1) Both the EMC and the ACNA recognize our ministry witness is stronger and more effective united in Faith than independent of each other;
- 2) Both the EMC and the ACNA adhere to the tenets of the orthodox, Christian Faith established by the Holy Scripture of the Old and New Testaments and delivered once for all to the saints;
- 3) That Baptism and the Supper of the Lord are Sacraments ordained by Christ Himself in the Gospel, and are to be ministered with unfailing use of His words of institution and of the elements ordained by Him;
- 4) That the historic Episcopate as an inherent part of the apostolic faith and practice, and therefore is integral to the fullness and unity of the Body of Christ;
- 5) That we adhere to the three catholic Creeds: the Apostles, the Nicene, and the Athanasian;
- 6) That we affirm the teaching of the first four historical Councils and the Christological clarifications of the fifth, sixth and seventh Councils, in so far as they are agreeable to the Holy Scriptures;
- 7) That the Book of Common Prayer as set forth by the Church of England in 1662, together with the Ordinal attached to the same, are the standard for Anglican doctrine and discipline, and, with the Books which preceded it, as the standard for the Anglican tradition of worship;
- 8) That the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion of 1562, taken in their literal and grammatical sense, as expressing the Anglican response to certain doctrinal issues controverted at that time, and as expressing the fundamental principles of authentic Anglican belief;
- 9) That we sincerely respect each others' positions which are important to each specific body but, as agreed, are not primary to the orthodox, Christian Faith, including but not limited to the ordination of women.

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