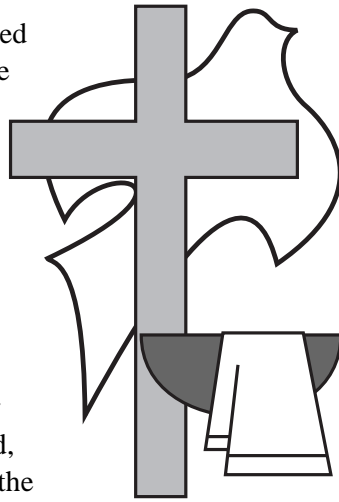


TELL ME ABOUT THE *Brethren in Christ*

If someone asked you to describe the Brethren in Christ, what would you say? If a friend, for instance, wanted to learn about the church you attend, how would you reply? Have you ever wished you could, somehow, capture the “spirit” of our church, and put it into words?

A group of lay persons, pastors, and church leaders were called together to do just this. For two days, participants from Canada to Florida to California to Pennsylvania worked to describe essential convictions of the Brethren in Christ. In the end, the group agreed on ten core values which they sensed to be at the heart of our life and work together.

In setting forth our core values, we declare our ties with true Christians of all times and every place. We confess with them the faith as embodied in the Apostle’s



Creed and the Nicene Creed.

We also recognize that these values are rooted in our history and doctrine. In broad strokes they convey the essential beliefs of our denomination as stated in our *Articles of Faith and Doctrine*.

They express in greater detail the purpose of our denomination as stated in our constitution: “... to foster a fellowship of believers whose objective is to worship and obey the triune God, and to proclaim His gospel to all people.”

We present these ten core values (on the reverse side) to help you to better understand, and to effectively tell friends and neighbors about, the Brethren in Christ. So the next time someone asks about your church, tell them about these values which touch our hearts, stir our emotions, and move us to action!

Core Values

O F T H E B R E T H R E N I N C H R I S T

Experiencing God’s Love and Grace

We value the free gift of salvation in Christ Jesus and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

Believing the Bible

We value the Bible as God’s authoritative Word, study it together, and build our lives on its truth.

Worshipping God

We value heartfelt worship that is God-honoring, Spirit-directed, and life-changing.

Following Jesus

We value whole hearted obedience to Christ Jesus through the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

Belonging to the Community of Faith

We value integrity in relationships and mutual accountability in an atmosphere of grace, love, and acceptance.

Witnessing to the World

We value an active and loving witness for Christ to all people.

Serving Compassionately

We value serving others at their point of need, following the example of our Lord Jesus.

Pursuing Peace

We value all human life and promote forgiveness, understanding, reconciliation, and non-violent resolution of conflict.

Living Simply

We value uncluttered lives, which free us to love boldly, give generously, and serve joyfully.

Relying on God

We confess our dependence on God for everything, and seek to deepen our intimacy with Him by living prayerfully.