

# Creeds

Affirmations to help us understand

# the Social creed

- This is the creed of the United Methodist Church.
- It's like a national anthem for the church. It declares what we believe and why we do what we do.
- It was stated to "secure the adoption of a statement on "The Church and Social problems'" ... what???

# The Apostles creed

- ◉ Why do we say creeds?
- ◉ What do they affirm for us?
- ◉ Do we have to believe every word in every creed in order to be a Christian?
  
- ◉ “Affirmations help us come to our own understanding of the Christian faith.”
  - > Rev. J. Richard Peck

# The Apostles Creed (traditional version)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;\*

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of the Father Almighty.

from thence he shall come again to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\*\* Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

# Ecumenical Version

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again,  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\*\* Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

# Write Your Own

- ◉ Today, you have the immense privilege of creating your own creed!!
- ◉ What does that mean? What kinds of things should you, or could you, include in your creed?
- ◉ Is there anything else you need to know?

Go To!

# The Creed of the United Methodist Church

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of racial, ethnic, and religious minorities.

# The Creed of the United Methodist Church

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.