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RE: SALZBURG DECLARATION

Dear friends in Christ,

In September 2015, the International Christian Network (ICN) adopted the Salzburg Declaration at its annual theological conference. The ICN is a worldwide coalition of conservative communities and churches. Although inter-confessional, the ICN also reflects a strong Lutheran presence.

The Salzburg Declaration is a reaffirmation of the nature of human life from a traditional Christian perspective. It addresses forthrightly the issues of life and death, abortion and same sex unions. While the Declaration reflects the European experience, what it says has much to contribute to the issues we face in North America.

Since its adoption, the Salzburg Declaration has been endorsed by countless leaders of the Christian church in Europe and North America. Bishop John Bradosky and Bishop emeritus Paull Spring of the North American Lutheran Church are among those who have endorsed it.

The Commission on Theology and Doctrine of the North American Lutheran Church has reviewed the Salzburg Declaration and commends it for review and study within the NALC. The Salzburg Declaration may be particularly helpful in congregational study groups and among pastoral conferences across the Church.

Yours in Christ,

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