

## **Resolution #48 - Reaffirming Salvation in Christ Alone**

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**From: Theology and Culture Ministry Committee**

**WHEREAS**, The Moravian Church recognizes the revelation in Scripture of Christ as God's ultimate and unique act of salvation, and God's call to humanity to respond to God's saving activity;

**WHEREAS**, The Ground of the Unity, the foundational theological statement of the Moravian Church, states: "The Unitas Fratrum recognizes the Word of the Cross as the center of Holy Scriptures and of all preaching of the Gospel and it sees its primary mission, and its reason for being, to consist in bearing witness to this joyful message. We ask our Lord for power never to stray from this." (Ground of the Unity, Section 4, Paragraph 2);

**WHEREAS**, The Ground of the Unity, the foundational theological statement of the Moravian Church, further states: "With the whole of Christendom we share faith in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe and confess that God has revealed Himself once and for all in His son Jesus Christ, that our Lord has redeemed us with the whole of humanity by His death and His resurrection; and that there is no salvation apart from Him." (Ground of the Unity, Section 2, Paragraph 1);

**WHEREAS**, The Ground of the Unity further states: "It is true that through the Holy Spirit the recognition of God's will for salvation in the Bible is revealed completely and clearly." (Ground of the Unity, Section 4, Paragraph 3);

**WHEREAS**, The Ground of the Unity further states: "The Triune God as revealed in the Holy Scripture of the Old and New Testaments is the only source of our life and salvation; and this Scripture is the sole standard of the doctrine and faith, of the Unitas Fratrum and therefore shapes our life." (Ground of the Unity, Section 4, Paragraph 1);

**WHEREAS**, The Ground of the Unity further states: "We hear Him summoning us to follow Him, and pray Him to use us in His service. He joins us together mutually so that knowing ourselves to be members of His body we become willing to serve each other." (Ground of the Unity, Section 2, Paragraph 1); and

**WHEREAS**, The Church Order of Unitas Fratrum states: "the Unitas Fratrum is committed to the victory of the Lamb of God that was slain as the hope of the world, it accepts as its central commission the proclamation of this message in every place where the Lord Himself opens the door." (The Essential Features of the Unity, Chapter III, #151(a)); therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That we call the church to renewed commitment to proclaiming Jesus Christ as the Savior in word and deed, at home and in the wider world; and

**RESOLVED**, That we do all in our power, both as a duty and a joy, to invite everyone to a personal relationship with Christ, confessing Him as the Savior, and serving others in His name.