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TO: The Confessing Church Movement

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SUBJECT: Joining the Confessing Church Movement

As our witness to our faith in Jesus Christ, our confidence in the authority of scripture and our commitment to God's standards of holiness, our session has voted to join the *Confessing Church Movement*.

In so doing, the session of the Presbyterian Church of Old Greenwich affirms that it is a community of faith which --

- Worships Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord believing Him to be fully divine and fully human, of the same essence as God;
- Believes that Jesus has total and exclusive redemptive power to transform and sustain new life and is the only provision for salvation;
- Acknowledges that as we come into the presence of God in worship, we have access to his transforming power through our prayers;
- Believes that the Bible is the infallible Word of God, inspired and preserved by the Holy Spirit and our authority for obedience in faith and life;
- Believes that the Holy Spirit empowers us for ministry, fellowship, caring, encouragement and mutual support;
- Witnesses in the community to our understanding of the Biblical truths of the (i) sanctity of life and (ii) the expression of our human sexuality only within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman.

Please connect our session with other like-minded sessions. List our congregation on your *Confessing Church Web site*. Provide a link to our home page which is in process of being moved from its development site to a host - <u>www.pcogonline.org.</u>

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