

December 22, 2015

Rev. Clint Poppe, Chairman
ACELC Board of Directors
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Dear Rev. Poppe:

Advent and Christmastide greetings and blessings in Christ!

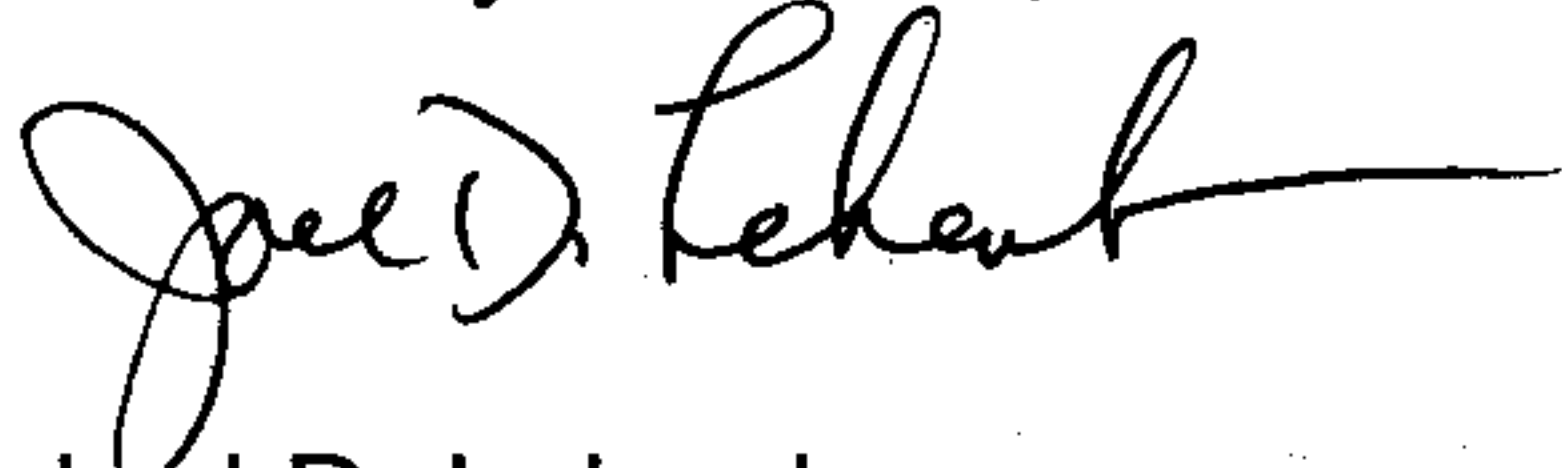
At its most recent meeting (December 10-12, 2015), the CTCR adopted a response (enclosed) to the ACELC's "Dissent Women Redux" (dated January 27, 2014 and received by our office together with a letter from you dated April 15, 2014).

As you can see from this response, the CTCR has once again chosen to respond to the ACELC's dissent in a "non-formal" manner, referencing the CTCR's December 12, 2014 response to a 2012 request from President Harrison which (the CTCR believes) is relevant to many of the issues and concerns raised in the ACELC's "Dissent Women Redux." Therefore, the CTCR "fraternally requests that [the ACELC] would once again hold its dissent in abeyance as it carefully and thoroughly studies and discusses this recent document of the CTCR" and continues "to participate in wider synodical discussions of this issue." The CTCR's December 12, 2014 response to President Harrison's request (together with an executive summary of the same) is available on the CTCR website. A hard copy of these documents is also enclosed for your convenience. **(Note: Because of recent updates to the LCMS and CTCR website, the link to this document in the CTCR's response to the ACELC may be outdated or inactive. Please contact our office if you need assistance in locating this document online.)**

Since this response by the CTCR is not a *formal* response to the ACELC's dissent, the CTCR does not intend to make it available publically (e.g., to post it on its website or include it in the Convention Workbook). Of course, you are certainly free to share it with the members of the ACELC and others at your discretion. (i.e., it is not "confidential.")

If you have any questions about the CTCR's response or would like to discuss it further, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely in Christ,



Joel D. Lehenbauer
Executive Director

Encl: CTCR Response to ACELC's *Dissent Women Redux* 2014 01-27
CTCR Review of 2005 Task Force *Guidelines for the Service of Women in Congregational Offices* with Executive Summary.

