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## Christian Education - A life long journey of faith

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LIFE-LONG  
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OF FAITH**

Christian Education in our church is often identified with Sunday School for children and Confirmation Class.

We want to emphasize that Christian Education is more than that; **Christian Education is an ongoing, life long process** of learning and walking together in our faith in the triune God. It is a long, exciting journey that starts with baptism and carries us through all the phases of our life, whether we are young or old, men or women, married or not. It is a journey on which we receive life at its fullest. It is relevant to all age groups and to all activities of the church. When we gather in worship, when we study the Bible, when we meet in prayer groups, we are doing Christian Education. It is the core business of our church.

*"Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction."*

*2 Timothy 4: 2*

**PARTICIPATE  
IN  
GOD'S MISSION -  
"MISSIO DEI"**

In his last words to the disciples - known as the Great Commission- Jesus Christ gives them the task to share about their faith in word and deed.

When he speaks to them, he also speaks to us: "We shall make disciples. We shall invite everybody to participate in God's Mission."

In Christian Education we want to encourage

Christians to participate in God's Mission; that means we want to involve them in the witness about the movement of God's love towards people - a movement that knows about the brokenness of human nature, but also about the wonderful gift of reconciliation between God and humanity and nature.

When we participate in this movement we are not alone. God, the Creator and great reconciler, is the driving force and through his son Jesus Christ he has assured us, that he is always with us.

*"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

*Matthew 28: 19-20*

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO A LOVING GOD**

The core business of the church is the Good News of a God, who has through all times been committed to his Creation and his people. Over and over again God has extended his hand to us as his people, who often fell short to respond to his invitation. The greatest manifestation of God's love happened, when he reconciled the world to himself through the redeeming act of birth, death and resurrection of his son Jesus Christ. God's Son has become human and has saved humanity, because God is full of love, passion and concern for the world and for us. We are called to proclaim this Good News of God's reconciling love to all our people.

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

*John 3: 16*

**WE ARE CALLED TO  
BE AMBASSADORS  
OF  
RECONCILIATION**

We are called to be ambassadors of this reconciliation in word and deed. We are called to be a reconciling community, in which today we already grasp, realize and experience, what is still to come in eternal life.

*"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed us to the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."*

*2. Cor 5: 18-20*

**TRANSFORM LIVES**

The goal of Christian Education is to transform lives by sharing about this, by providing platforms in which together we can learn about God's Mission in the world, considering the context of the people who are listeners of this message, here concretely the members of Lutheran churches affiliated to LUCSA, as well as communities in which they are situated. When people get involved into the movement of God's love, their lives are transformed and they become renewed.

*"We, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."*

*2. Cor. 3:18*

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come."*

*2. Cor. 5: 17*