

# Trinity Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Learning Center

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August 20, 2007

Dear President Mueller,

On Sunday, August 19, 2007, The Voters' Assembly of Trinity Lutheran Church (Herrin, IL) voted to separate from the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and become an independent Lutheran congregation by an official vote of 35 yes and 1 no. In accordance with your request, this letter is your official notice to remove our congregation from synodical membership.

Sincerely,

Brian Miller  
Congregational Chairman

Victor Turner  
Chairman of Board of Elders

Tony Stretch, Elder

Butch Schroeder, Elder

Dan Byrne, Elder

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## Trinity Lutheran Church (Herrin, IL) Resolution for August 19, 2007

Whereas, all Christians are commanded to avoid those who teach or tolerate falsehood in their midst (Rom 16:17, 1 Tim 6:3ff); and

Whereas, following the 2004 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod(LCMS) Convention, we have identified six points in which the LCMS is teaching and/or tolerating falsehood.

1. Widespread open communion practices are not disciplined.
2. Widespread use of revivalistic "Contemporary Worship" is not disciplined.
3. The "renunciation of unionism and syncretism of every description," is no longer practiced or disciplined.
4. The unscriptural office of "lay minister" is not being removed, but recognized, affirmed, and encouraged.
5. The "order of creation" (1 Timothy 2:12), has been removed in order to allow a woman to serve as elder and congregational chairman.
6. Ecclesiastical Supervision and Dispute Resolution now allows human councils to overrule the Word of God; and

Whereas, on January 9, 2005, Trinity Lutheran Church (Herrin, IL) entered a State of Confession in order to bear witness to these errors and not commune with error; and

Whereas, since the 2004 LCMS Convention, Trinity Lutheran Church (Herrin, IL) has followed the synodically-mandated three-step Dissent Process in order to call the Synod back from six points of false teaching and undisciplined false practice; and

Whereas, having submitted overtures to the July 2007 LCMS Convention, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod did not correct her errors in even one point(Note: The "Final Report on Six Points" is available at the congregation's web site: [www.trinityh.org](http://www.trinityh.org)); therefore

Be it resolved that on August 19, 2007, in accord with the truth of God's word and out of Christian love, Trinity Lutheran Church is severing our association with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, because it is a heterodox union, tolerating falsehood.