

# COMMITMENTS OF THE CLERGY EMERGENCY LEAGUE

## 1 WE CLAIM OUR BAPTISMAL AUTHORITY

We claim our baptismal and ministerial promises to confront sin and evil, while trusting in the goodness, grace, and transformative power of God.

## 2 WE RESIST ABUSES OF POWER

We resist the abuses of power by the State against the Christian Church, other faith traditions, and all vulnerable, marginalized, and oppressed people.

## 3 WE DENOUNCE OPPRESSIVE SYSTEMS

We denounce and seek to dismantle all forms of systemic and structural sin, including (but not limited to): white privilege and racism, authoritarianism, fascism, and tyranny, while working to restore the structures of democracy that allow for the Constitutional freedoms of speech, assembly, and religion.

## 4 WE PREACH PROPHETICALLY

We call Christian clergy and congregations to prophetically preach and teach the gospel of Jesus Christ, recognizing that we must be theological in a political world.

## 5 WE HOLD ONE ANOTHER ACCOUNTABLE

We hold each other accountable while also being in collegial support as we navigate the complexities and specific challenges of our ministry contexts.

## 6 WE RECLAIM THE PUBLIC SPACE

We reclaim the public square and defend sacred spaces against those who use Christian symbols and spaces for purposes that oppose what Jesus Christ taught and for which he died and was resurrected.

## 7 WE LISTEN TO THE LEAST OF THESE

We listen to, stand in solidarity with, advocate for, and activate with “the least of these” for substantive changes in policy at the local, state, and national levels.

## 8 WE MOBILIZE OUR CONGREGATIONS

We work toward mobilizing our congregations to follow the call of Christ and the biblical mandate for justice and righteousness.

## 9 WE CONNECT WITH ONE ANOTHER

We create, build, and maintain communities and networks of connectivity and accountability within and beyond this group in order to accomplish these commitments.