

Bolland Writes: "Its Time To Leave [LCMS]"

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Rev. Richard Bolland Posts to Lutherquest:
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Brothers,

"As one of the attendees at Chicago I must admit that I am frustrated at the pace of our response to the disintegration of our synod. I fear that we have assumed far too much. Permit me to be the voice of dissent here on the discussion board and say that I firmly believe that all such efforts are futile. The game is over! The synod will not be redeemed.

Why do I say this? If you believe that the synod can be resurrected from the dead, then you must believe that the following things are true:

1. It will be possible to win over the liberals in our synod to a Confessional viewpoint.
2. It is possible to get Confessional resolutions to the convention floor despite the lockhold of the floor committees in 2007.
3. It is possible to elect Confessional men to most DP positions as proposed by Dr. Wohlrabe in Chicago.
4. It is possible to remain in altar and pulpit fellowship with Gerald Kieschnick, David Benke, and those many who support him without violation of conscious.
5. It is possible to pretend that our synod actually embraces close(d) communion when an estimated 40% of synodical congregations actually practice open communion.
6. It is possible to address the rank and file membership of synod without access to the official media of synod.
7. It is possible to continue to have our people attend functions by RSO's in synod when we constantly must warn them of the false doctrine they will encounter in the LLL, L WML, National Youth Gatherings, etc.
8. It is possible to continue to ignore St. Paul's clear admonition to "... mark and avoid" those who teach false doctrine with impunity .
9. It is possible to be heard using the official avenues of dissent outlined in the Constitution of synod.
10. It is possible that funds submitted to district and synod will be used for biblical purposes and will be accounted for with any accuracy.

At the risk of being the splash of cold water in this group, I firmly believe that any thinking that our grievances will be redressed in either 2007 or 2010 is an illusion of the first magnitude. It is time to begin doing what needs to be done to separate ourselves from our now heterodox Lutheran body.

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