

Reformation History

Lutheran Church (started in Germany)

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Oct. 31st, 1517 – The official beginning of the Reformation

Luther's Catechism (1529)

Reformed Church (started in Switzerland)

Ulrich Zwingli (1484-1531)

John Calvin (1509-1564)

Heidelberg Catechism (1563)

Evangelical Church (Merger)

Began in 1817 in Germany

By order of Frederick William III of Prussia

United the Lutheran and Reformed Churches of his kingdom

In America

German Reformed Church in the United States of America

Immigrants to America starting in 1710 in Pennsylvania

Established in 1793 as independent from the European Church

German Evangelical Church in America

Immigrants to America starting in 1830 in Illinois and Missouri

Organized in 1840, Merged with a number of Evangelical Synods around the country in the following years

Evangelical Catechism (1847, 1867, 1892, 1929)

Evangelical & Reformed Church (Merger)

Began in 1934

United the Evangelical Church & the Reformed Church in the United States

The Eureka Classis of the Reformed Church rejected the merger

United Church of Christ (Merger)

Began in 1957

United the Evangelical & Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Conference

The Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (CCCC), the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) and various individual Congregational Christian Churches rejected the merger.

Evangelical Association of Reformed and Congregational Christian Churches (EA)

Began in 1998

Churches and Pastors withdrawing from the UCC

The Evangelical Catechism

A catechism is a question and answer book.

Catechisms cover the basics of Christian Faith

The 10 Commandments – The Law

The Apostle's Creed – The Gospel

The Lord's Prayer

Baptism

Communion

The Evangelical Catechism combines Luther's Catechism and the Heidelberg Catechism in the spirit of the Marburg Colloquy (1529)

Essentials of the Catechism

Introduction

Part 1: The Ten Commandments

Part 2: The Christian Faith – The Attributes of God, The Apostles' Creed

Part 3: Prayer – The Lord's Prayer

Part 4: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Part 5: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Appendix

The Confirmation Vow

The Confessional

Names of the Books of the Bible

The Old Testament (39 Books)

Historical Books (17)

Poetical Books (5)

Prophetical Books (17)

a. The Greater Prophets (5)

b. The Lesser Prophets (12)

The New Testament (27 Books)

Historical Books (5)

Doctrinal Books (The 21 Epistles)

a. The Epistles of St. Paul (13)

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c. The Seven General Epistles (7)

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