

There Is a River: Identifying the Streams of a Rediscovered Nicene Interpretation of a Revitalized Christian Community in the City*

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Ps. 46.4 (ESV) - There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

Tributaries of Authentic Historic Biblical Faith			
Recognized Biblical Identity	Revived Urban Spirituality	Reaffirmed Historical Connectivity	Refocused Kingdom Authority
The Church Is <i>One</i>	The Church Is <i>Holy</i>	The Church Is <i>Catholic</i>	The Church Is <i>Apostolic</i>
<p>A Call to Biblical Fidelity Recognizing the Scriptures as the anchor and foundation of the Christian faith and practice</p>	<p>A Call to the Freedom, Power, and Fullness of the Holy Spirit Walking in the holiness, power, gifting, and liberty of the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ</p>	<p>A Call to Historic Roots and Continuity Confessing the common historical identity and continuity of authentic Christian faith</p>	<p>A Call to the Apostolic Faith Affirming the apostolic tradition as the authoritative ground of the Christian hope</p>
<p>A Call to Messianic Kingdom Identity Rediscovering the story of the promised Messiah and his Kingdom in Jesus of Nazareth</p>	<p>A Call to Live as Sojourners and Aliens as the People of God Defining authentic Christian discipleship as faithful membership among God's people</p>	<p>A Call to Affirm and Express the Global Communion of Saints Expressing cooperation and collaboration with all other believers, both local and global</p>	<p>A Call to Representative Authority Submitting joyfully to God's gifted servants in the Church as undershepherds of true faith</p>
<p>A Call to Creedal Affinity Embracing the Nicene Creed as the shared rule of faith of historic orthodoxy</p>	<p>A Call to Liturgical, Sacramental, and Catechetical Vitality Walking in the holiness, power, gifting, and liberty of the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ</p>	<p>A Call to Radical Hospitality and Good Works Expressing kingdom love to all, and especially to those of the household of faith</p>	<p>A Call to Prophetic and Holistic Witness Proclaiming Christ and his Kingdom in word and deed to our neighbors and all peoples</p>

* This schema is an adaptation and is based on the insights of the *Chicago Call* statement of May 1977, where various leading evangelical scholars and practitioners met to discuss the relationship of modern evangelicalism to the historic Christian faith.