

The Belhar Confession

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I UNITY

Yes, we've had our spats.
We've fought more than cats.
We couldn't have been more divided.
We discovered our error.
We found those who care.
And this now is what we've decided:

We're going to be one
When all's said and done.
So join us in gladsome acclaim.
One God, one love,
One Savior above.
We are here as one in Christ's name.

One cup and one bread,
One Spirit, one Head,
Forever one in Christ our Lord.
One mind and one hope,
Now don't sit and mope.
For, yes, unity will be restored.

Let's all love our brothers
As though they were mothers
Or sisters or cousins or aunts.
Yes, we've got to have love,
A command from above,
So roll out the red carpet. Let's dance.

II RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation will be
What sets us free
For God insists that we be one.
We seem to want battle
With incessant prattle
Instead of enjoying the fun.

Reconciliation is all
That can move the ball
If we want to score a goal.
For we are a team
That sure has a dream.
We plan to win the Superbowl.

We haven't achieved
Though we have believed
That God has given a command.
He told us to love,
Not to push and to shove
While on the way to the Promised Land.

So let's not exclude.
Please don't be crude.
Just open your arms up wide.
Be all inclusive.
It will be conducive
To victory for our side.

III JUSTICE

In this our country,
Oh, how can it be
That we don't have justice for all?
We know it's not right
So we're going to fight.
We're ready to answer the call.

Oh Lord, please forgive.
We know how to live. Yes, we'll stand by people in need.
We've opened your word.
Your voice has been heard.
You've called us to action indeed.

Our help's on the way
Whether at night or by day.
We'll do whatever is necessary.
A cup of cold water;
Putting an end to slaughter;
Now's the time- we won't tarry.

Let's go break some yokes
And stop telling jokes.
We take injustice seriously.
An ever rolling steam
Must stop the scream.
Righteous and justice will be.

IV ACTION

What about this stuff?
So get off your duff
And become a serious proponent.
Please volunteer.
Yes, get it in gear.
We need you to condone it.

There's so much to do;
You mustn't be blue,
For God's word tells us how to live.
I promise one thing
That service will bring.
You will always get more than you give.

So ends this story.
To God be the glory.
I'm here to challenge you again.
There's much to be done
So let's all have fun.
To God be the glory. Amen.