

# CONFESSIONS OF FAITH: UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

## A "WHERE I AM" GET-ACQUAINTED FOR A NEW GROUP

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In preparation for an upcoming retreat, I've revised #76 (1966), which I've found useful through the intervening years....This UCC (Canada) Confession is a take-off on the UCC (USA) Statement of Faith, both of them now almost 30 years old (so don't take umbrage at the noninclusive diction)....The questions at the bottom of p.1 are to be answered, please, on p.2. For the first round, you will be asked to read only what you've written.

Man is not alone,  
He lives in God's world.  
We believe in God,  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in the true man, Jesus,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by his Spirit.  
We trust him.

He calls us to be his church:  
to celebrate his presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus Christ crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

1. Among all the **needs** of humanity in solitude and society, which one does this centrally address? Why?
2. Which **sin** most exacerbates this need?
3. If you were writing a confession of faith today,  
which need would you highlight? why?  
which correlative sin would you indicate? Why?
4. In the overall, what do you personally dis/like about this confession of faith?

I like....

I dislike....