

# There Is a River: Identifying the Streams of a Revitalized Authentic 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.**

<b>Tributaries of Authentic Historic Biblical Faith</b>			
<b>Reaffirmed Biblical Identity</b>	<b>Revived Shared Spirituality</b>	<b>Restored Historical Legacy</b>	<b>Refocused Kingdom Ministry</b>
The Church Is One	The Church Is Holy	The Church Is Catholic	The Church Is Apostolic
<p><b>A Call to Biblical Fidelity</b> Recognizing the Scriptures as the anchor and foundation of the Christian vision</p>	<p><b>A Call to Live as Sojourners and Aliens as the People of God</b> Defining authentic Christian discipleship as faithful membership among God's people</p>	<p><b>A Call to Historic Roots and Continuity</b> Confessing the common historical identity and continuity of authentic Christian faith</p>	<p><b>A Call to Affirm and Express the Global Communion of Saints</b> Expressing cooperation and collaboration with other believers, both local and global</p>
<p><b>A Call to Messianic Kingdom Identity</b> Rediscovering the story of the promised Messiah and his Kingdom in Jesus of Nazareth</p>	<p><b>A Call to the Freedom, Power, and Fullness of the Holy Spirit</b> Walking in the holiness, power, gifting, and liberty of the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ</p>	<p><b>A Call to Creedal Affinity</b> Embracing the Nicene Creed as the shared rule of faith of historic orthodoxy</p>	<p><b>A Call to Radical Hospitality and Good Works</b> Demonstrating the ethics of the Kingdom in works of service, love, and justice</p>
<p><b>A Call to the Apostolic Faith</b> Affirming the apostolic tradition as the authoritative ground of the Christian hope</p>	<p><b>A Call to Liturgical, Sacramental, and Catechetical Vitality</b> Experiencing God's presence in the context of the Word, sacrament, and instruction</p>	<p><b>A Call to Ecclesial Authority</b> Submitting to God's gifted servants in the Church as undershepherds of true faith</p>	<p><b>A Call to Prophetic and Holistic Witness</b> 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.