



The American Association of Lutheran Churches

Regarding Current Ecclesiastical Practices:

The AALC commends members of its Ministerium in their efforts to evangelize and extend the Gospel through teaching and preaching the Word of God, in-person and online.

The AALC has not authorized and does not approve of members of its Ministerium practicing online Holy Communion, and has asked that they refrain from that practice.

The AALC has not authorized and does not approve of members of its Ministerium teaching, encouraging, or designating others to practice online Holy Communion.

The AALC has not authorized and does not approve of members of its Ministerium practicing consecration of Communion-in-reserve. That is, consecration of elements that are not immediately distributed and consumed, but are stored for weeks or months, later to be used in the absence of a pastor.

The AALC has not authorized and does not approve of members of its Ministerium ordaining pastors apart from AALC administration, Clergy Commission examination, and Association Council action.

The AALC has not authorized and does not approve of the formation of any congregation or synod that does not have face to face, in-person, pastoral ministry as its primary source of teaching and preaching, and its only source of Holy Communion.

Executive Committee
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