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Motion for Church Synod presented by the Circuit Council, Pastors, Congregational Councils and Synod members from the Eastern Circuit

To Bishop Müller and the Church Council of the ELCSA (N-T) Church

Hereby we present a motion from the Eastern Circuit to the Church Synod of the ELCSA (N-T), taking place from the 10th to the 13th of October in Kempton Park.

The motion refers to the Document of the ELCSA (N-T) „Understanding Scripture “.

As the sentence under Point 24 Paragraph III of the Document „Understanding Scripture “, „We do not believe in the Bible as such” is misunderstood, needs to be explained and even is rejected by members of our congregations, we propose a motion that the Theological Study Commission, change Article 24 of the Document to prevent unnecessary misunderstandings.

Our suggestion is the omission of the first sentence:

24. Thus, we state clearly: ~~We do not believe in the Bible as such~~; We believe in the Triune God, who reveals Himself in Christ as testified to in the Bible. All Scripture and every sermon only receive their authority and dignity from the principal revelation in Christ. It is not coincidental that all Creeds of the Early Church confess faith in the Triune God and do not include the Bible as an article of faith.

Other formulations were made and can be discussed at Synod.

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