



The LifeLine



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Carol's Corner...

We're Back!

It has been awhile since our last newsletter, but we haven't been idle.

Here are some of the things we've been doing since we were last in touch:

- ◆ We have continued to attend every Community of Christ (COC) World Conference, handing out Christian tracts and interacting with Conference attendees.
- ◆ We have printed the 4th Edition of *Reorganized Latter Day Saint Church: Is It Christian?*
- ◆ In time for the 2019 Conference, we redesigned our website and added new articles.
- ◆ We also added an online store, where people can purchase books and tracts.

We look forward to keeping you apprised in the future about the ministry's activities and invite you to become involved if you have family or friends still in one of the churches founded on Joseph Smith's doctrines. You can sign up to help at:

lifeline2rlds.org/wp/?page_id=700.

Our Goals

To support and disciple searching followers of Joseph Smith (whether they be Community of Christ members, Restorationists or from some other group), sharing with them the gospel of Jesus Christ.

To equip other Christians, pastors and Bible-believing churches to be prepared to respond to non-Biblical teachings from Mormonism and other pseudo-Christian groups.

2019 Community of Christ Conference Report

Volunteers came from as far away as Arizona and California to join LifeLine members and friends hand out tracts and chat with attendees at the 2019 Community of Christ (COC) World Conference. Approximately 300 new tracts created for the conference and 300 to 400 other tracts were distributed.

Our volunteers generally were well received. Despite a few antagonistic responses, they demonstrated daily that the ministry's efforts were being done out of love for the COC people and not for any other reason.



New Tracts Available

Three new tracts written especially for COC members, clearly and concisely contrast Biblical Christianity with COC doctrines. They also explain LifeLine's motivation and mission to share the Biblical Gospel with all groups who currently adhere to Joseph Smith's teachings.

Carol Hansen, who has attended and handed out tracts at COC conferences for many

years, observed that attendees in 2019 appeared to be more subdued and the mood less joyful than in previous years.

The new tracts created for this conference will be useful for: 1) those still in the COC, 2) those who have left the COC and now attend no church, 3) those who have left and still have loved ones in the COC, and 4) Christian pastors and other Christians who are concerned for the salvation of people in pseudo-Christian groups.

The tracts are available for purchase at <https://www.lifeline2rlds.org/wp/?product=seeking-tracts>.

Opportunity for Family & Friends

Open Forum Announced

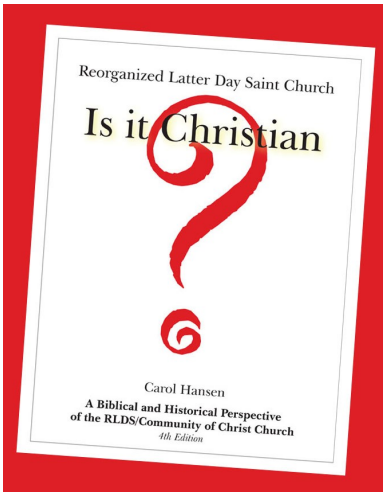
Do you have family members or friends who have concerns about and/or questions regarding their Restorationist or Community of Christ beliefs? If so, let them know about our Open Forum offer. Our organization is comprised of former RLDS members and those who currently have loved ones in the Community of Christ, the Restorationist movement, or the Mormon church.

We have experienced those same concerns and have asked similar questions over the years in our own search for truth. Through much study, prayer and the grace of God, we found that the Truth is a person - His name is Jesus.

If your friend or loved one would like to talk to someone who understands the difficulties of the journey they are on, please have them contact us at info@lifeline2rlds.org to set up a date and time that is convenient for them to do so.

Our Open Forum is a welcoming, non-judgmental environment in which they can ask any questions and/or share any concerns related to RLDS/Community of Christ/ Restorationist beliefs and experiences. They will be treated with kindness and respect as we were, when we met with those who had gone before us, on their own journey to find truth.

Fourth Edition of Book Available in Website Store



The previous edition of the book, *Reorganized Latter Day Saint Church: Is it Christian?* was published in 2003.

In the years that followed, many changes took place in the Community of Christ. A prophet/president resigned, and a new one was ordained. Church guidelines were altered to allow members in same-sex relationships to be officially ordained, and united in marriage. The church lost many members and significant income.

These, and other changes, made it necessary to update the book so that it continued to be relevant. In early 2016, the fourth edition was

published, complete with a new, more contemporary cover.

Other changes made include the expansion of the doctrinal charts in Chapter 3 to reflect the beliefs of the RLDS Restoration Branches along with the current beliefs of the COC, the LDS Church and Biblical Christianity. Additional testimonies have also been added to Chapter 16.

The book is now available directly from Life-Line's website, both in printed form and as a PDF. You can purchase a copy for your pastor and one for yourself at:

lifeline2rlds.org/wp/?product=reorganized-latter-day-saint-church-is-it-christian-2.

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2 Timothy 2:23-25a (NKJV)

“...avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition.”

Good News for mankind—the one found in the Bible.

At the same time, we want to share with all who will receive it, the true gospel—God's Smith's Restoration gospel is a distortion of the Christian gospel and can save no one.

Therefore, our mission is to make available historical and doctrinal evidence that Joseph Christ and the various Restoration churches.

His teachings are still in prominent use today in the Mormon Church, the Community of Biblical truth, replacing it with a works-based belief system that cannot save human souls.

We have found that the teachings of Joseph Smith lead people away from this simple Jesus Christ.

We seek to share with the world the Biblical gospel—that salvation from sin and death is only available by the grace of God through faith in the sacrificial death and resurrection of

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