



November Parish Faith Formation

OUR CHRISTIAN FAMILY TREE Welcome!



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- Quest for the Living God
- 500th Anniversary of the Reformation
- Vatican II and the warming of relationship with other faith traditions



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What has been your understanding and experience with other faith traditions?

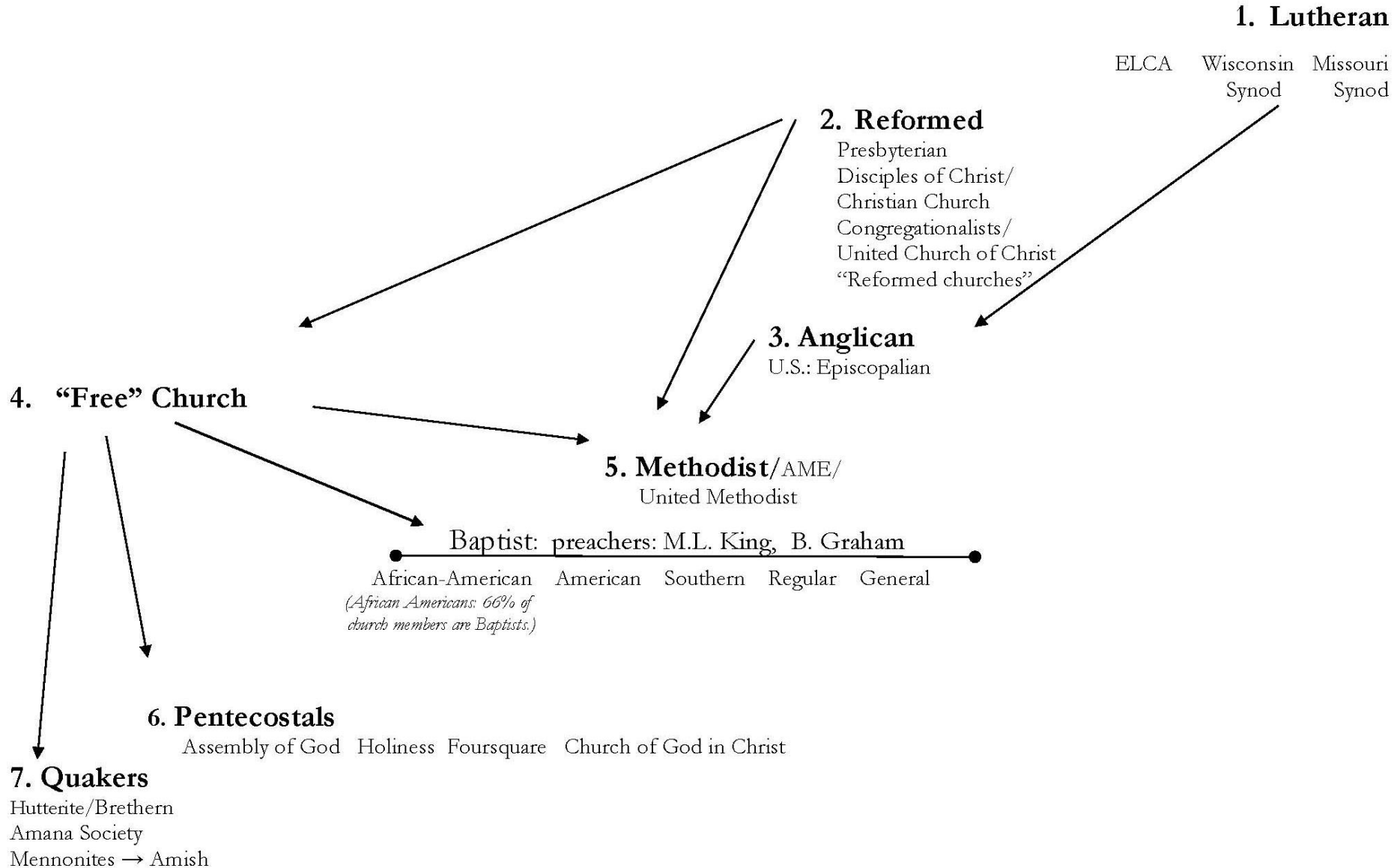
- **Spouse/grandparents/siblings/parents)**
- **Weddings/funerals in other churches?**

Seven Protestant liturgical traditions

21st century ← 16th century

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- FIRST stage of the Reformation: Lutheran

- ELCA ↘

Altoona: Church of the Cross (LCMC)

*“a member of **Lutheran Congregations in Mission For Christ (LCMC)**
& our vision is to be a Jesus-Centered Community on Mission.”*

- Wisconsin Synod

- Missouri Synod

Altoona: Christ the King Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

- ↘ Anglican (England) → Episcopalian (US)

↘ Methodist → United Methodist (US)

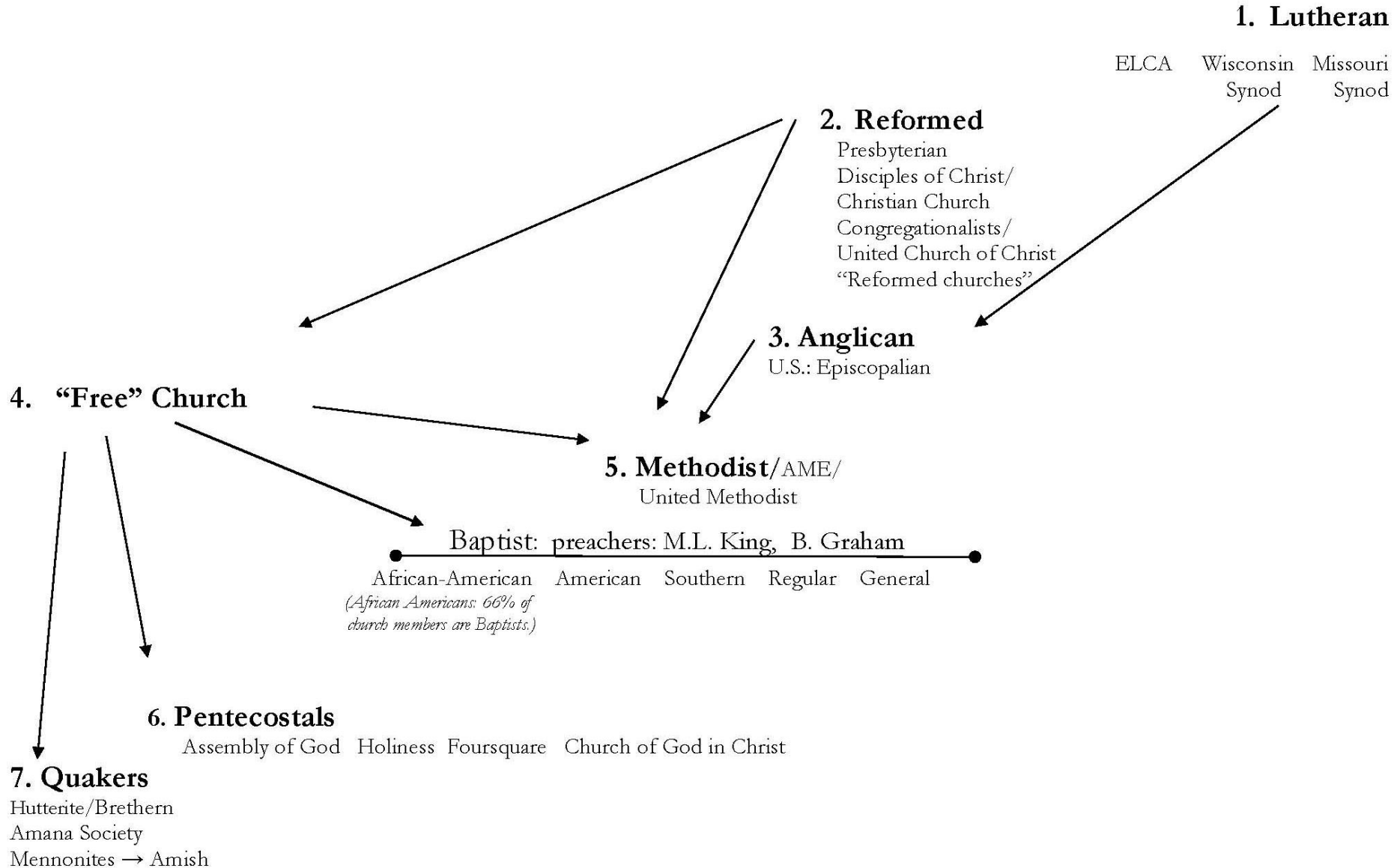
Altoona: UM Church; Ivy: Centennial Methodist Church

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- SECOND stage of the Reformation:
“Reform of the Reformation”

The Reformed Churches

- John Knox/Scotland → Presbyterian
- John Calvin/Geneva
- Zwingli

Disciples of Christ/Christian Church

Congregationalists—Pilgrims/United Church of Christ

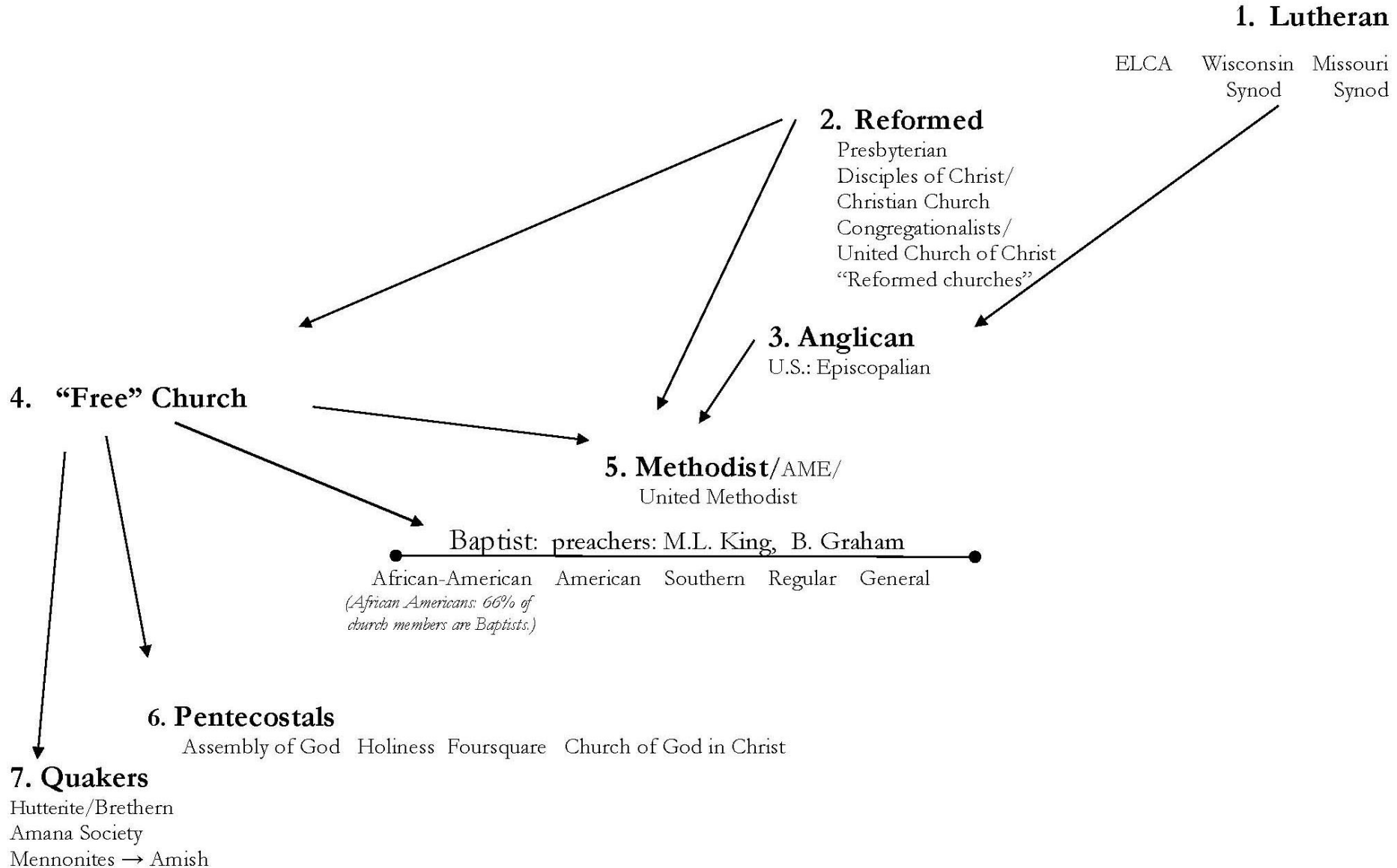
“Reformed churches”—Altoona, AdventureLife Church

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- THIRD stage of the Reformation:

FREE churches and 'BELIEVERS BAPTISM churches

- Baptists
- 'Pentecostal' churches ∇ Assembly of God
- Quakers ∇

Church of the Brethern

Amana Society

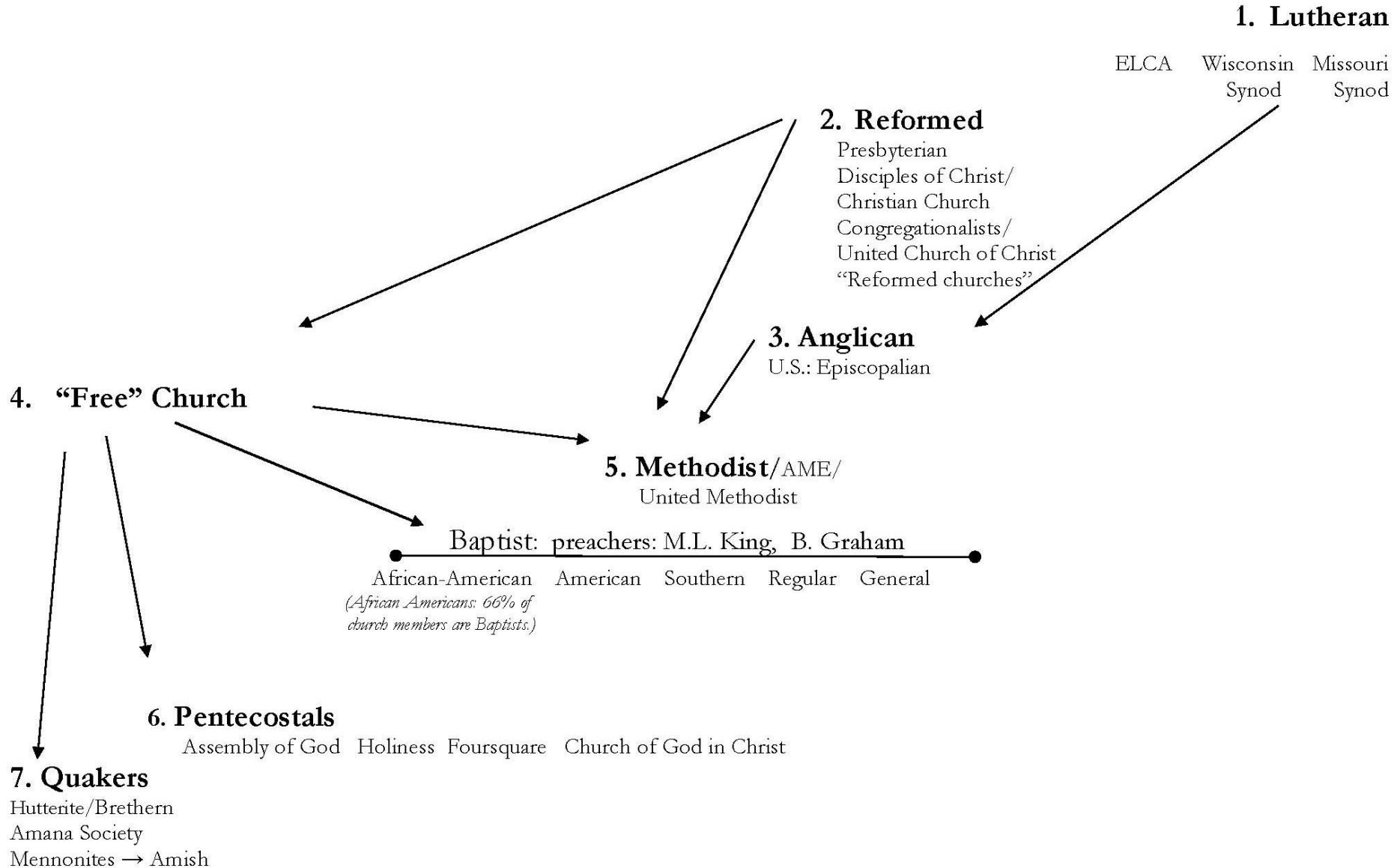
Mennonites ∇ Amish

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Link to the video: https://youtu.be/j89_BAh2Q3M





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- What information was new to you?
- Any new insights?



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Second Vatican Council and Luther's major issues

- **The great dignity and equality of all the baptized**
- **The centrality of the Scriptures**
- **Access to the Liturgy**



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Signals of a desire for healing



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“Faith and Good Works”

The 1999 Declaration of Justification:

Together we confess: By grace alone, in faith in Christ’s saving work and not because of any merit on our part, we are accepted by God and receive the Holy Spirit, who renews our hearts while equipping and calling us to good works.
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From Conflict to Communion: The Five Imperatives



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The first imperative:

- **The perspective of unity**



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The second imperative:

- **Be transformed by the encounter with the other and by the mutual witness of faith.**



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The third imperative:

- **Commit themselves to seek visible unity, to elaborate together what this means in concrete steps, to strive repeatedly towards this goal.**



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The fourth imperative:

- **Jointly rediscover the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ for our time.**



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The fifth imperative:

- **Witness together to the mercy of God in proclamation and service to the world.**

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WHAT ARE DIFFERENCES?

Roman Catholic	Common to both	Lutheran
Faith as more communal	Belief in Jesus Christ: The Creed	Faith as more personal
Who may be ordained for ministry	Baptism	How pastors and bishops are chosen
Experience and understanding of Eucharist: every Sunday, even more frequently	Centrality of the Scriptures and even the Lectionary	Lord's Supper: quarterly, may be more often
	Faith expressed in service to others	



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If you could share a treasure from our Catholic faith tradition or experience, what would it be?



Join us next month for

December Parish Faith Formation

ANCESTORS OF FAITH

Sunday, December 11

Wednesday, December 14