



To whom it may concern,

In the Summer 2017 edition of the Concordia Journal, Volume 43, Number 3, an article was published entitled The Age of the Earth and Confessional Lutheranism, by Dr. John Jurchen, Associate Professor of Chemistry at Concordia University, Nebraska.

That article raised concerns from a number of individuals and groups that have written various letters to a number of leaders including, but not limited to, Dr. Jurchen, CUNE President Dr. Brian Friedrich, President Harrison, Concordia Seminary, and me. As leaders in our synod we share those concerns and have been working to address them.

Over the last several months Dr. Jurchen has humbly, willingly and eagerly worked with me and Dr. Friedrich to correct misunderstandings, to apologize, and to confess his errors.

This has taken time as we worked through the concerns raised and sought a thoughtful response, amidst the challenges of travel, schedules, holidays, and a death in his extended family.

Our conversations have been fruitful and God-pleasing. As his ecclesiastical supervisor, and working under the guidance of my ecclesiastical supervisor, President Harrison, I now gladly submit to you and to the church his letter of confession. I am satisfied with this confession and have offered to him God's Holy Absolution.

I thank Dr. Jurchen for his cooperative spirit and Dr. Friedrich, President Harrison, and several of my brothers on the Council of Presidents for their counsel and encouragement. All glory to God.

In Christ and His service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Snow". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Richard Snow  
President, Nebraska District–Lutheran Church Missouri Synod  
(2 Corinthians 5:20)