

# Rev. Craig Troxel



## “The Deacon and His Congregation”

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Born and raised in Kearney, NB, Pastor Troxel attended Anderson University, where he played on the football team and graduated with a BA in 1984. He then served as an associate pastor at Community Church of God in Wasilla, AK, and as the interim pastor of Fairhill Community Church of God in Fairbanks, AK. In 1987 he enrolled at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Having become theologically Reformed in conviction, Craig then entered PhD studies at Westminster Seminary. He earned his PhD in Systematic Theology with an emphasis upon ecclesiology in 1998. Dr. Troxel and his wife, Carol, have five children and one grandchild.

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*Conf. 26: OF THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS*

- 1 All saints that are united to Jesus Christ their Head by His Spirit and by faith, have fellowship with Him in His graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.
  
  - 2 Saints by profession are bound to maintain a holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God; and in performing such other spiritual services as tend to their mutual edification; as also in relieving each other in outward things, according to their several abilities, and necessities. Which communion, as God offereth opportunity, is to be extended unto all those who, in every place, call upon the name of the Lord Jesus.
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I. Is the Church a Mere Community or a Communion of Saints?

- A. Historical Understanding
- B. Contemporary Understanding

II. Where Does the Church Gain Its Life?

- A. Our Communion with God (Vertical)
- B. Our Communion with One Another (Horizontal)

III. How Does the Church Express Its Communion?

- A. Inwardly
- B. Outwardly
- C. Spiritually