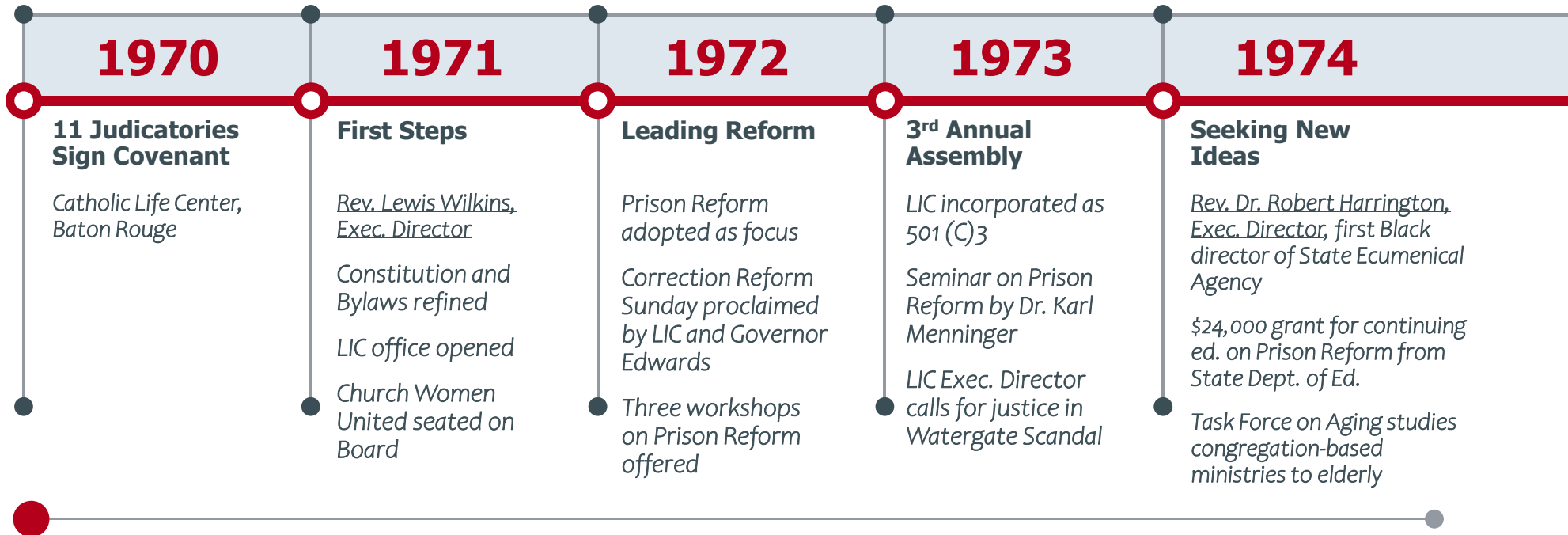




# Louisiana Interchurch Conference

*1970-2020: 50 YEARS STRONG*



**1975**

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly**

*Care for Aging adopted as additional focus*

*1<sup>st</sup> Religious Service held at New Orleans Superdome: Archbishop Fulton Sheen is speaker*

**1976**

**Moving Forward**

*Rev. James Stovall named Executive Director*

*Operation Understanding: Catholic, Protestant and Jewish houses of worship open doors to all in NOLA*

**1977**

**New Task Force: Senior Citizens**

*Federal and State grants awarded for Care of Aging*

*New Member: Religious Society of Friends*

**1978**

**Advocacy for Inmates**

*Task Force develops 11-Point Program for Correction Reform; clergy asked to 'soften approach' toward hiring of ex-convicts*

**1979**

**Continued Expansion**

*New Member: Episcopal Church-Diocese of Western Louisiana*

*Prison Fellowship trains inmates for ministry*

**1980**

**10 Years and Growing**

*Rally at Angola with Johnny Cash and Chuck Colson of Prison Fellowship*

*Four Regional Ecumenical Meetings held: New Orleans, Alexandria, Baton Rouge and Shreveport*

**1981**

**Offering Hope**

*1<sup>st</sup> Interfaith Chapel groundbreaking at Angola; \$297,000. contributed by LA churches*

*LIC adopts Resolution in opposition to Capital Punishment*

**1982**

**Advocating for Principles**

*New Life Chapel at Angola is dedicated*

*Mary Margaret Parker receives Brotherhood Award, Nat. Conference of Christians and Jews*

*Church leaders oppose creationism bill*

**1983**

**Using Media to Spread the Gospel**

*New Member: Louisiana Baptist State Convention*

*Lectionary Telecasts presented weekly for/by Christian pastors*

**1984**

**Contemplating Our Differences**

*Ecumenical Service held on Inauguration Day for Governor Edwards*

*LIC sponsors "Come Together 3" Interchurch Seminar for chaplains and pastors*

*"Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry" Seminar by Faith and Order*

**1985**

**15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

*“Celebrate Family” honors Josef Sternberg, Grambling Coach Eddie Robinson and Ruth Loyd Miller*

*Detention Center opens in Oakdale*

**1986**

**Witnessing Together**

*Creation of Farm Crisis Coalition by LIC: Betty Puckett offers credit counseling*

*Dixon Correctional Institute obtains chapel for campus*

**1987**

**Encouraging Unity**

*Pat Norton suggests goals of political and spiritual work may overlap*

*Protestant leaders join Catholics in welcoming Pope to Louisiana*

**1988**

**Task Force on Coastal Erosion**

*Louisiana Interfaith Stewardship Plan holds six forums*

*LIC joins Common Cause/LA to sponsor “Blacks and Poverty” at Southern U.*

**1989**

**The Church and State: Partners for LA**

*LA Coalition Against Racism and Nazism (LACARN) led by Stovall*

*LIC co-sponsors Governor’s Conference on Infant Mortality*

*LIC Constitution and Bylaws revised*

**1990**

**A Helping Hand**

*Farm Crisis Coalition offers workshops for struggling farmers*

*LIC co-sponsors prayer service for peace in the Middle East*

*Support expressed for United Houma Nation to receive Federal recognition*

**1991**

**Good and Faithful Servant**

*Stovall announces resignation at Annual Assembly after 15 years of service*

*Substance Abuse, Disaster Relief and Poverty of Women and Children can benefit from networking*

**1992**

**New Director**

*Rev. C Dana Krutz installed as new Executive Director of LIC*

*Stovall receives Human and Civil Rights Award*

*Evaluation forms developed to assess LIC meetings*

**1993**

**Growing Together**

*Task Force on Race Relations addresses 'Challenges to Ecumenical Ministry in a Multicultural Society'*

*Board creates "working list" of priorities*

**1994**

**A United Front**

*LA Governor Edwards seeks cooperation of LIC in addressing the problem of violent crime in Louisiana*

*Endowment Fund established as means of sustaining future of LIC*

**1995**

**Public Policy**

*Stewardship of Environment notes chemical spraying while students in classrooms; LA Legislature intervenes*

*Society of Friends conducts morning worship for LIC*

**1996**

**Faith and Values**

*LIC denounces acts of racial and religious vandalism throughout Louisiana*

*Board of Directors urges member churches to oppose gambling referendum*

**1997**

**In the Public Square**

*Gov. Foster discusses continuing needs of LA's people*

*United Methodists urge participation in Legislation Day on Welfare, Health Care and Children*

*Concerns raised about organized gambling*

**1998**

**Prison Ministry**

*Representative from LIC Board appointed as liaison to Prison Chapel Foundation*

*Bishop Hughes chairs Task Force to plan for Jubilee Year, 2000*

**1999**

**Standing Up**

*Schools urged to honor Sunday morning in scheduling student activities*

*New member: Live Oak Wesleyan Church*

*Notre Dame & New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary students have conversations*

**2000**

**New Millennium**

*LIC co-sponsors Conference for “Shedding Light on Juvenile Justice”*

*Inaugural Interfaith Prayer Service for elected officials*

*LIC receives letter from Vatican regarding status of joint Eucharistic celebrations*

**2001**

**A Vital Endeavor**

*Ezekiel 34: Clean Water Initiative*

*Former LIC President Alfred C. Hughes becomes N.O. Archbishop*

*Public Forum on Stewardship of LA’s Community Waters*

**2002**

**Paperwork**

*Inmates write thank-you notes for prison chapels across LA*

*Faith and Order studies documents from Churches Uniting in Christ*

*Amendments made to Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules of Order*

**2003**

**Unity Through Diversity**

*LA’s 1<sup>st</sup> Comprehensive Water Policy*

*Week of Prayer and M.L. King’s Birthday, St. Joseph Cathedral*

*Board members visit “Heart of Spain” Exhibit*

*Office moves to United Methodist Church*

**2004**

**Defending the Least of These**

*NY Baptist, Reverend Johnny Rae Youngblood addresses “Ecumenism in the Trenches” at Annual Assembly*

*LIC invites community to attend “Stand Up for Children” rally to protect state funds for children’s health care*

**2005**

**Reaching Out**

*Hurricanes Katrina and Rita impact Southern Louisiana*

*LIC hosts National Workshop on Christian Unity*

*Newsletters sent by Internet*

**2006**

**Embracing the Future**

*LIC website created*

*Louisiana Interfaith Disaster Recovery Network formed*

*Rev. Dr. Diane Kessler shares ecumenical vision*

*LIC benefits from strategic planning*

**2007**

**Prioritizing**

*LIC Mission Statement revised with priorities, strategies and principles*

*Ecumenical Formation Conference: Breaking Down Walls*

*Green sustainable church buildings, Rev. Corey Sparks*

**2008**

**Still Expanding**

*New Member: Louisiana Home and Foreign Mission Baptist State Convention*

*Dr. David Otto: The Church's Role in Advocacy and Social Justice*

**2009**

**Understanding and Recovery**

*State Response to Disaster and Recovery examined*

*Racial justice expert, immigrant attorney, and pastors educate Board members on Human Rights*

*New Associate Member: The Order of St. Lazarus*



**2010**

**Helping the Environment**

*Church responds to Economic and Environmental Issues*

*Ecumenical responses to Gulf Oil Disaster and Recovery*

**2011**

**Ministering to Women & Children**

*Church Women United strives to reach younger women*

*Bread or Stones Campaign highlights needs of children*

*Lund Principle reexamined*

**2012**

**Reaching Milestones**

*LIC celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vatican II as 'ecumenical moment'*

*Dan Krutz marks 20<sup>th</sup> year as Exec. Director*

*Millennials' influence on church numbers examined*

**2013**

**Shedding Light on Poverty**

*Loyola & Southern U. speakers address poverty cycles & 'prison pipeline'*

*Judicatories support Bread or Stones*

*New Members: Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of LA, and Louisiana Church of God in Christ*

**2014**

**New Beginnings**

*Bread or Stones Campaign officially launched*

*Bishop Shelton Fabre welcomed as President of LIC*

*17<sup>th</sup> prison chapel completed*

**2015**

**Overcoming Challenges**

*Assembly votes to reaffirm Lund Principle*

*Church leaders provide overview of challenges toward unified ministry and community outreach in congregations*

**2016**

**Seeking Peace**

*Board adopts 'Statement of Civility and Tolerance' amid presidential campaigns*

*LIC supports "Raise the Age" bill*

*Farm Advocacy Program receives grant from Willie Nelson*

**2017**

**Reformation Toward Unity**

*Criminal Justice Initiative 70x7 Grant*

*500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Reformation marked by LIC*

*LIC supports Coastal Master Plan*

**2018**

**Invoking Justice**

*2018 named "Year of Prayer for Cancer Alley" in Louisiana*

*LIC Ecumenical Formation for Catholic and Baptist seminarians*

*LIC reaffirms its opposition to the Death Penalty*

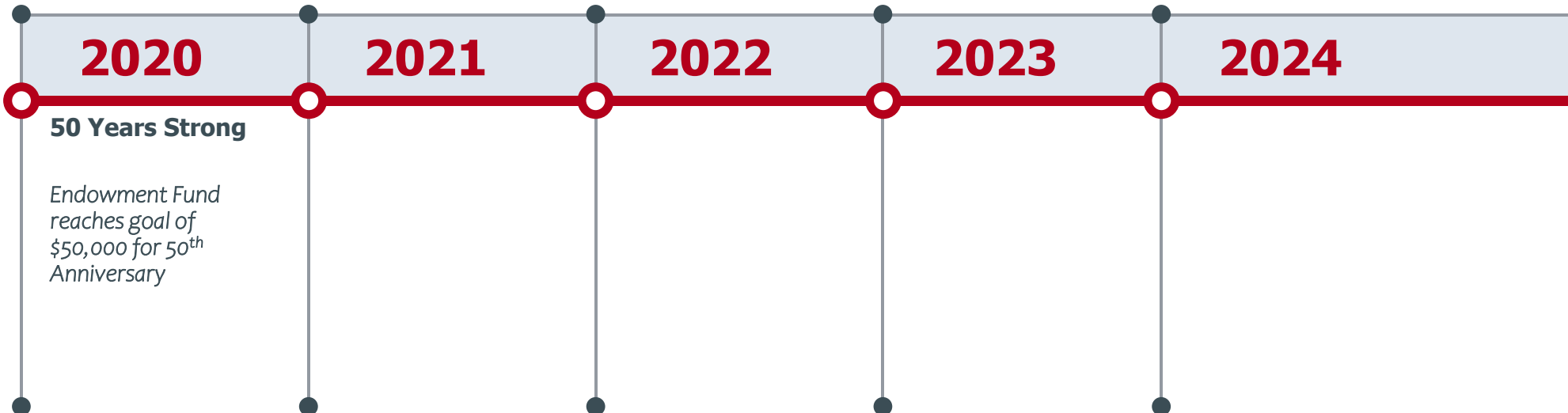
**2019**

**Appreciating Diversity**

*Faith and Order Commission studies Initiation Rites of five Christian traditions*

*Intercessory Prayer Calendar developed by LIC*

*Race, Migration and Immigration: stories shared at Assembly*



**2020**

**2021**

**2022**

**2023**

**2024**

**50 Years Strong**

*Endowment Fund  
reaches goal of  
\$50,000 for 50<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary*

