

### 1 **The Schleithem Confession**

At a meeting in the Swiss village of Schleithem in 1527, a group of Anabaptists found agreement on key points of doctrine and practice.

### 2 **Their agreement, written by Michael Sattler and called the Schleithem Confession, had seven articles.**

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2. Faithfulness must be maintained in the church, by excommunication—the ban—if necessary.
3. The Lord's Supper is a ceremony of remembrance of Christ's sacrifice, and is for the united, pure church.

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4. The church is holy, but the world is evil; the church must keep itself separate from the world.
  5. The church must choose godly leaders.
  6. Violence—the sword—must not be used for any reason by Christ's followers.
  7. In obedience to Christ, Christians must not swear oaths.
- The Schleithem Confession gave form and unity to a large part of the Anabaptist movement, and continues to do so today.

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