

1. We believe in the one and only God who has revealed Himself to us. In His work of creation, redemption and sanctification, He has designated and manifested Himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We, therefore, confess our faith in the Triune God, three distinct Persons in one Godhead. (Deut 6:4; Isa 9:6)
2. We believe in God the Father, the Creator, Preserver and sustainer of the whole creation, who in His divine majesty is infinitely exalted above all creation. In fatherly compassion, He seeks the present and eternal welfare of man whom He made in His own image, but who had fallen into sin and lived in the bondage of Satan. (Rom 8:15)
3. We believe that Jesus Christ, true God and true man, came into the world to be the Redeemer of mankind. By becoming one with man in the incarnation, Christ entered into decisive conflict on man's behalf with Satan and sin. By His perfect life, He was the Lamb of God who fulfilled the divine law and who suffered and died on the cross in our place, making payment for our sins. By His resurrection, He released us from the power of sin, death, and the devil. In His victory we are victorious. He has freed us to be His own, live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. We look forward to His soon coming. (John 1:29; 10:10; I Thess 4:13-17)
4. We believe in the Holy Spirit who regenerates every believer by effecting genuine repentance and a saving faith in Jesus Christ as Savior; that to all who receive Jesus are given the power, through the Holy Spirit, to become children of God; that Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Lord has promised to baptize (empower, fill) every seeking and asking believer with the Holy Spirit; that the Holy Spirit distributes His gifts and fruit so that the body of Christ (the church) might be able to carry on the supernatural ministry of Christ. (Matt 28:18-20; Luke 11:9-13; John 1:12; 3:5-8; 14:12; Acts 1:5,8; 2:38-39; I Cor 6:11; 12:3-11; 13; Gal 5:22-23)
5. We regard the Holy Scriptures as Jesus did. We accept the Bible (canonical Books of the Old and New Testaments as a whole and in all their parts) as the divinely inspired, revealed and inerrant Word of God. We submit to this as the only infallible authority in all matters of faith and life. (Matt 4:4; 7:24-27; 22:29; Luke 8:11; 24:25-27,44,45; John 8:31-32; 10:35; 16:12-14)
6. We accept the Apostles' Creed.

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of the Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen."

7. We are thankful to the Father for the Gift ministries of Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher for the building up of the Body of Christ. We are also thankful to the Father for the gifts of reconciliation, service, healing, and the many other ministry gifts. (Eph 4:8-13; II Tim 3:16-17)
8. We believe that the local congregation is a body of true believers; submitted unto the Father being conformed to the image of Jesus to declare the Gospel empowered by the Holy Spirit. The local congregation calls its own pastors, conducts its own ministry (with reference to its own ministry, this includes liturgy, vestments, baptism, communion), owns and cares for its own property. (Rom 8:29; James 4:7; I Pet 2:9; Rev 1:5-6)
9. We believe that the Head of the Church is the Lord Jesus Christ. (Eph 1:22-23; Col 1:18)
10. We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. (Psalms 139)
11. We believe that God has created humanity in such a way that each person is biologically born as either male or female. These two distinct, complimentary genders together reflect the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.
12. We believe that a marriage is a covenant relationship between one biologically-born man and one biologically-born woman under the blessing of God who sustains it. (Gen 2:24; Mar 10:6-9; Eph 5:21-33)
13. We believe that every person should be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31).

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I hereby affirm complete agreement with this L418 Statement of Faith.

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____