## Statement of Faith









A. We believe in one God, eternally existent as God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

B. We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and is the supreme standard and final authority for all matters of faith, conduct and doctrine.

C. We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension into heaven, in His current role as our High Priest and Advocate and in His imminent and personal return.

D. We believe in the deity of the Holy Spirit. He convicts of sin and gives new life to repentant sinners. Providing comfort, strength, renewal, and wisdom, He indwells, gifts, and empowers believers in Christ for the building of the body of Christ, i.e., the Church.

E. We believe that man was divinely created in the image of God, therefore, human life is consecrated and from conception to death nothing should be done to hasten death. Man by willful transgression became sinful, is inherently unable to regain holiness, and therefore rightly under the condemnation of God.

F. We believe that the only salvation from man's depravity is offered freely by God's grace through the sacrifice of Jesus accepted by exclusive belief in Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

G. We believe the Lord instituted the ordinances of baptism and communion. Baptism is to be administered only after profession of faith by the candidate by immersion in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Communion is for all believers, preceded by self-examination and is an act of remembrance of the Lord's death until he returns.

H. We believe that every believer has direct access to God without need of an earthly priest, and that no person, church or decree can come between the believer and his Lord.

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I. We believe that all believers are part of the body of Christ and as such have the responsibility of local affiliation, and ministry with other believers. Therefore, we believe church membership is for those who have repented of their sin, and have accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour and Lord.

J. We believe that under the Lordship of Christ the local Church is selfgoverning, but that affiliation with like-minded churches is desirable for increased effectiveness, accountability, and ministry.

K. We believe in the personal and imminent return of the Lord Jesus, in the resurrection of the dead—the redeemed raised to enjoy eternity with God in the wonder of heaven, and the wicked suffering the eternal punishment of hell.

L. We believe that in God's perfect will marriage is the union of one man and one woman under God, that this union is exclusive of all others, dissolvable by death. We also recognize God's grace to all His children and our own responsibility to accept, forgive, and support the divorced in their situation. We believe the stable Christian home is the preferred environment for raising children and that expression of sexual behaviour is exclusively reserved for one man and one woman who are married to each other.

M. We believe in the separation of Church and State, that is the Church and State function in different realms and one does not have the right of authority over the other.