## STATEMENT OF FAITH



- 1. We believe that the Bible is the Inspired Word of God, written by men divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man. It is the perfect treasure of divine instruction. Its contents are without error and I accept it as our final authority in all matters of Faith and Conduct (2 Timothy 3:16)
- 2. We believe in one God (Deuteronomy 6:4) eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (John 16:7 & 17:1)
- 3. We believe that God created man in His own image (Genesis 1:27); that man sinned and thereby incurred the death penalty (Romans 6:23) physical and spiritual. Further, that all men inherit a sinful nature which is expressed in actual transgression, causing personal guilt (Romans 3:23).
- 4. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35), born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God (John 14:9) and true Man (Luke 2:52). That on earth He died for our sins, a substitutionary sacrifice, and that all who believe personally in Him are justified on the grounds of accepting His sacrifice (1 Peter 3:18 & John 3:16).
- 5. We believe in the Person of the Holy Spirit Who lives and works within the life of the believer (John 16:13).
- 6. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead (Romans 14:9), ascended into Heaven, and that He lives at present with the Father (Acts 1:3), acting as our High Priest and Advocate (Hebrews 9:11 & 1 John 2:1).
- 7. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and Man. (1 Timothy 2:5)
- 8. We believe in the Personal and Imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ (1Thessalonians 4:16).
- 9. We believe in the resurrection both of the believer and of the unbeliever (Revelation 22:5) and the eternal damnation (Revelation 20:14 & 15) of those who reject God's free offer of salvation (Mark 16:16).
- 10. We believe that salvation includes every divine action on behalf of the believer, from deliverance out of his lost estate to his final presentation in glory, conformed to the image of Christ. The believer was saved when he, by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, died to  $\sin$  and was spiritually born again as a child of God. (John 3:5 7)

- 11. We believe that the one true Church is the whole company of those who have accepted Jesus as personal Saviour, and that our Local Church should be an honest expression of the Church, making personal salvation essential to Church Membership. (Acts 2:47) I believe that regular Church attendance is essential to my personal spiritual growth.
- 12. We believe that support and participation in the task of fulfilling the great commission is the responsibility of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:19 & 20)
- 13. We believe that the universe originated by the creative act of God as revealed in the Word of God and that the form of every kind of life was fixed at the time of its creation. (Genesis  $1:1 \& John \ 1:1-3$ )
- 14. We believe that the term 'marriage' has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Genesis 2:18 25). I believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2 5 & Hebrews 13:4). I believe that God's command is that there be no sexual intimacy outside of, or apart from marriage between a man and a woman.
- 15. We believe that God wonderfully foreordained and immutably created each person as either male or female in conformity with their biological sex. These two distinct, yet complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26 & 27)
- 16. We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect and dignity (Mark 12:28 31 & Luke 6:31) Hateful and harassing behaviour or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with the Word of God nor the doctrines of NWCS.
- 17. We believe that 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. We are therefore called to defend, protect and value all of human life. (Psalms 139)
- 18. We believe that the Church is the Body of Christ, with Christ its only Head (Ephesians 1:23) and that each member forms an integral part in that Body (1 Corinthians 12:12) so that each member is called upon to unite with every other member in a life of Holiness (1 Peter 2:5) and Devotion (Philippians 1:5). It is the duty and privilege of each member to discover and develop his Spiritual gift (2 Timothy 1:6), to use it to the building up of the whole Body (Ephesians 4:12) and to bear each other's burdens in the spirit of true Christian love. (Galatians 6:2)
- 19. We believe that the Lord appointed two ordinances; Baptism (Matthew 28:19) and the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:23-26); to be observed as acts of obedience and as perpetual witnesses to the central facts of the Christian Faith.

I /We acknowledge that we have read and understand the statement concerning Christian Education and Policy on attendance of classes.		
Signature of Parent/Guardian 1	 Date	
Signature of Parent/Guardian 2	 Date	

This Statement of Faith has been drawn to my attention and I confirm that I understand and

accept its legal consequences.