# STATEMENT OF FAITH

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### 1. THE BIBLE

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The Bible is our supreme Constitution and the Bible position shall stand and remain inviolable wherever there is a conflict of opinion or misunderstanding appertaining to the provisions of this constitution.

We believe in the Bible as the authentic WORD OF GOD; DIVINELY INFALLIBLE AND ALL-SUFFICIENT in all areas of human endeavors, viz, SPIRITUALLY, PSYCHOLOGICALLY, PHYSICALLY (2 Timothy 3:15). There can be no meaningful excellence and fulfillment outside the Bible.

We believe unreservedly that the Bible is the supreme and final authority in all things and situations.

#### 2. THE ONE TRUE GOD

We believe in the ONE TRUE GOD – THE FATHER, THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT – that is in the Trinity of the Godhead.

We believe in the Majesty and Sovereignty of God, that God is absolute; self-existing and immanent. (Gen. 1:1-3, John 1:1-4, Isa. 6:3, Matt.3:15-17, John 5:7, John 16:13-14, John 14:26).

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# 3. MAN'S DEPRAVED NATURE

We believe that man is born with a fallen nature and is subject to sin continually, consigning him to eternal damnation. Man, therefore has need of repentance and generation. (Gen. 3:17, Isa.53:6, Acts 2:38-39).

# 4. SALVATION

We believe that man's need of salvation has been and is in the person of JESUS CHRIST because of HIS Deity, Virgin Birth, Sinless Humanity, Substitution Death, Bodily Resurrection, Ascension and His Second Coming (John 1:4, 10:30, Matt. 1:18-33, Isa.7:14, 9:6, 2nd Cor. 5:21, Heb.7:26, 4:15, John 8:58, Acts 1:11, 2:24, Heb. 9:26-28, John 3:16).

### 5. REPENTANCE, JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION:

We believe in the atonement of the Blood of Christ, and in the power of His Blood to Cleanse, Save and Justify sinners from sin (Whosoever therefore will be convicted of sins and will repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior would be justified and regenerated). (Acts 4:12, John 10:28, Rom. 4:24-25, Heb. 9:22, Rom. 6:23, 3:23-25).

## 6. HOLY SPIRIT (SPIRITUAL GIFTS)

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We believe in all the gifts of the Holy Spirit and their manifestation. As such, we believe in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with tongues speaking as the initial evidence. (Mark 16:17, Acts 2:4,38-39, Acts 8:14-17, 10:44-47, 18:1-7, Rom. 8:26-27, 1 Cor. 14.2, 14-15, 18, 39).

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# 7. THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We earnestly believe in the Sacrament of Baptism by immersion in the Name of the Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit, or in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We find no scriptural justification for infant baptism, but we rather subscribe to the doctrine of infant dedication to the Lord. (Mark 16:15, Rom. 6:3-4, Acts 10:44-48, 19:5, 8:16, Lk. 2:22-24).

## 8. THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe in the Lord's Supper, which must be taken by all who profess the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

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We believe that we partake of the Lord's Supper to commemorate the death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and also in expectation of His Glorious second coming (Matt. 26:26-29; Lk. 22:18-20, 1 Cor. 11-23-30)

# 9. THE NEXT LIFE

We believe in the Resurrection of the body and in the eternal bliss of the saved saints in resurrected, glorified bodies, and that the unsaved would be resurrected into condemnation. (John 3:16, 17:3, 1 John 2:25, Rom. 6:23, 1 Cor. 15:12-21, 35:44, Philip 3:10, 11, Rev. 20:5-6, Job 19:26).

## 10 .TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We believe that giving is an act of Christian faith as demonstrated by the Father by giving us the precious, inexpressible gift of His Beloved Son (John 3:16; 1 Cor. 9:15).

Therefore, the giving of Tithes, (declaring a tenth part of all legitimate income to the Lord and will offerings are Christian obligations that not only express commitment to the local assembly, but also a determination to be an active partner in spreading of the Gospel (Gen. 14:20, Malachi 3:7-12, Acts 20:35, Rom. 11:35).

## 11. DIVINE HEALING AND DELIVERANCE

1 .We believe that God has made Divine provisions for the healing of sickness and diseases, and to deliver the oppressed from every form of demonic oppression and entanglement. The Church is, however, in no way

opposed to orthodox medical treatment (Exo. 15:26, 23:25, Ps. 103:3, 107:20, Isa. 53:5; Matt 8:17, Mk. 16:15-18, James 5:14-15, 1 Pet.2:24, John 3:8, Lk. 4:18-19, 10:17-20, Acts 10:38)

#### 12 MARRIAGE

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We believe that Holy Matrimony is an institution ordained by God for mankind and that it is binding until death. We also unreservedly believe that monogamy is the system of marriage ordained and blessed by God as exemplified by Adam and Eve.

The Bible explicitly prohibits sex outside marriage- being premarital or extramarital- is sin before God and attracts disciplinary sanctions.

Therefore the intent to marry (courtship) is no license for sex between the partners involved.

Any marriage being contracted in the Church must be duly brought to the notice of the Pastor-in-charge of the local assembly, whose blessing of marriage (at any place convenient to the world be-couple) would sanction and legitimize it for blissful union.

Those in polygamous (multiple wives) marital relationship before coming to the saving knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ would be accorded full membership status of the Church, and would participate in all activities and sacraments of the Church. However, they would not be accorded any official position in the Church. The dissolution or continuation of a polygamous relationship should be an issue between the partners' convictions and their Lord (Cor. 2:18, 22-24, Mal. 2:14-16, 1 Cor. 1:16, Eph. 5:1-3, 21:33, Heb.13:4, Matt. 5:31-32, 1 Tim 3:2).

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If a believer contracts a second marriage in addition to his first wife; he forfeits his membership of the Church.

### 13. SIN

We believe that Sin which is the transgression of the Law, separates man from his maker. Sin is any lack of conformity to the character of God, whether in act or state, and is a hopelessly incurable disease of the soul; it is characteristic of the old nature, the flesh and finds expression daily, that there is a personality behind Sin. Sin entered into the universe through a powerful angelic creature called Lucifer and a man called Adam introduced it into the world, making all men sinners, but sin is not eternal. (1 John 3:48-49, Ezek. 28: 11-19, Isa. 14:12-15, Rom. 3:23, I Pet. 2:24).

#### 14. SATAN

We believe that there is Satan, a spirit entity with a personality, who used to be a powerful angel. Satan is a created being like a man and not a creator. He is self- willed, possesses intelligence, memory, a will, emotions (desire, pride, wrath), organizational ability (Ezek. 28:12-19, Isa. 14:11-15, 2 Cor 2:11, Matt. 4:11, 2 Tim 2:26, Lk.22:31, 1 Tim 3:6, 4:1, Rev. 12:12, 2:9, 2:24, 20:7-9, Eph. 6-11-12). He is a liar (Gen. 3:45, 2 Cor. 11:14, John 8:44). His final destiny is in the lake of fire (Rev. 20:7-10).

### 15. ANGELS

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We believe in angels as created spirit beings by God the Father through Jesus Christ but are not to be worshipped by man. As spirit they are not bound by natural law. Angels are created to worship and glorified the Lord Jesus Christ, and to minister unto the saints of the Lord Jesus Christ. They possess separate and individual personalities with the necessary features of intelligence, will and emotion required of a personality. (Heb. 1:7, Ps. 104:4, Col. 1:16, Rev. 5:11-12, 8:3-4).

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### 16. MAN

We believe that God created man in his own image and likeness (Gen. 1:26-27) that man is a tripartite being consisting of three component parts; Body, Soul and Spirit. (1 Thes. 5:23, Heb. 4-12), that man is agree moral agent with will, intellect and emotions which should be used to worship God.

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#### 17. THE CHURCH

We believe that the Church, which is the body of Christ, consists of all regenerated souls, each one redeemed by the Blood of Christ and transformed by the Holy Spirit. Part of the Church is on earth for a great part have already gone to be with the Lord. The Church has no visible Head or Founder on earth, but an unseen Head and Founder in Heaven (Eph. 5:24, Acts 15:14). The Church is thus those who are called out of the World system to be in Christ. There is the visible Church (those whose names are on local Church rolls, all earthly denominations and para church organizations and the invisible Church (those whose names are written in the lamb's Book of Life) Rev. 21:27. There is also the Local Church (any local congregation in a given location) and the Church Universal which includes all Churches everywhere.

#### 18. HEAVEN

We believe that Heaven was created by God in the beginning, abides forever and is a house not made with hands. It is the home of the Lord God. Heaven is real and is a place without death, tears, sorrow, crying and pain. There is also no want, hunger or thirst and no day or night or sun or moon. It is a holy and perfect place where no sin or evil inclination can thrive (Gen. 1:1, 2 Cor. 5:1, Matt. 6:9, Ps. 20:6, Rev. 21:14, 7:16). We believe that all those who die in Jesus Christ would be there (1 Thess. 4:14).

### 19. HELL

We believe that Hell exists in reality. It is the banishment from the presence of God, and a place of punishment and torment. We believe that it originally prepared for the Devil and his fallen angels, and not intended for man, but men who make the truth of God a lie by refusing the work of redemption on the Cross of Calvary through the shed blood of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, would have no other choice than to have hell as their abode. As heaven is eternal, so is hell eternal. We believe that hell is not inconsistent with the boundless

love of God, but an expression of His Holiness and Justice. God is both loving and just (Ps. 9:17, 2 Thess. 1:9, Lk. 16:23, Isa. 14:9, Ezek. 22:27, Matt. 25:41-46).

