

# ARTICLE III. FAITH STATEMENT OF FAITH

## Section 1: Statement of Faith

I recognize that I am a sinner saved by the grace of the Lord Jesus, through faith alone, and I resolve and promise in humble reliance upon the power of the Holy Spirit, to live a life that is fitting for a follower of Christ. I have also read and am in agreement with the FAITH statement of faith.

## Section 2: Adapted from the National Association of Evangelicals Statement of Faith

1) We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the authoritative and only infallible written Word of God. (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21; Psalm 119:160; Proverbs 30:5; Deuteronomy 4:2; Revelation 22:16-19)

2) We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1,26-27; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; II Corinthians 13:13; I Peter 1:2)

3) We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal return in power and glory. (Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 9:5-6; John 1:1-5; John 14:10-30; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 4:14-15; Romans 1:1-4; Acts 1:9-11; I Corinthians 15:3-4; Revelation 22:20)

4) We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential. (John 3:3-6; Ezekiel 36: 25-28; Ephesians 1:13)

5) We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. (Ezekiel 36: 25-28; John 16:7-13; John 14:16-18; Romans 8:26-28; I Corinthians 3:16; Galatians 5:16-25)

6) We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved to the resurrection of life and they that are lost to the resurrection of damnation. (Romans 6:23; I John 5:11-13; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 10:10-14; I Peter 1:3-5; Revelation 20:15)

7) We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (I Corinthians 12:12-27)

8) We believe that God wonderfully and immutably created each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Genesis 1:26-27) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God

within that person.

9) 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)

10) We believe that God commands sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Corinthians 6:18, I Corinthians 7:25; Hebrews 13:4) We believe that any conduct of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matthew 5:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

11) We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of this Cooperative as a body of believers in Jesus Christ—and to provide a Biblical role model to the Cooperative's members, students, and the community—it is imperative that all members, students, and anyone who teaches or serves under the authority of the Cooperative abide by this statement of faith. Any proclamations or advocacy contrary to these delineated statements of faith risk leading students and others astray and will be actionable by the Board. (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:22; Matthew 18:6)