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Statement of Faith

1 I have chosen to follow Christ and surrender my life unto him. My life belongs to God the
2 Father, to Christ our savior, and to the Holy Spirit.

3 I have faith in and trust God, our Abba-Ima, the one who has created and continues to create all
4 that is seen and unseen. I believe that we are all created in God's image and that that image is
5 love. Since we are made in love, we are all called to love one another no matter the culture,
6 background, or deed, God calls us to love and not to judge. Despite our best efforts, we do find
7 ourselves judging our neighbors instead of loving our neighbors. We find ourselves acting out
8 against God and falling victim to our human nature and desires. Even though we do not
9 deserve it, God still comes in swinging and fights for us. God will never let us go! We do not
10 deserve the forgiveness and grace that God shows us when we turn our backs to God's ways,
11 and yet God still loves us.

12 I have faith in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior. I believe that Christ is both fully human and fully
13 God, begotten and not made. I believe that Christ lived a sinless life and is the example that we
14 should all follow in our walks of faith. Christ suffered and died upon the cross wrongfully
15 accused so that the sins of the world may be washed away. I believe that God experienced
16 human suffering through Christ upon the cross. God then resurrected Christ on the third day,
17 his sacrifice and resurrection delivers us from our sins into God's grace.

18 I have faith in the Holy Spirit. I believe that the Holy Spirit moves among us in ways that we
19 often do not notice until time has passed. The most subtle and mysterious part of the trinity,
20 the Holy Spirit connects each and everyone of us to each other and to God. I believe the Holy
21 Spirit guides us and protects us in our daily lives, showing us the path that God has laid out for
22 us when we ourselves may not be looking for it.

23 I believe that Baptism is our entrance into the covenant with God. Often marked on our behalf
24 by our guardians, we enter into this covenant when we are infants, and are able to reaffirm the
25 choice upon confirmation. The Holy Spirit claims us as God's children through these waters
26 and washes us clean.

27 I believe that in Communion, God feeds our spiritual selves through the Bread of Life and the
28 Cup of Salvation. We remember the sacrifice that Christ made for us by dying on the cross
29 when we receive these elements. By receiving communion, we attest our faith to God and our
30 trust in the Trinity. I believe that all are welcome at the table and that upon receiving
31 communion, we partake with all who have, who are, and whomever will take part in
32 communion.

33 The Church is not a building or a common meeting place. The Church is the people of God that
34 does not know the difference between denominations, but rather is affirmed through faith in
35 God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. The Church's mission is to bring the Gospel to all those in the
36 world rather than making those in the world come to the Church. Spreading the Good News,
37 and the love of Jesus Christ, serving one another showing no bias is what the Church is and
38 should be all about.

39 All of this I believe, in the name of God the Creator, Christ our Savior, and the Holy Spirit.