



Statement of Faith

Preamble

All those who participate in the ongoing work and witness of Youth Strategies shall be in sympathy with the central purpose of developing strategies for reaching out to at-risk youth, youth service to the community, leadership development of youth, and discipleship in the Christian faith. In order to qualify for office, members of the Board of Directors, volunteers, staff, and interns shall subscribe to the following articles of faith:

Article I

The scriptures of the Old and New Testaments being given by divine inspiration, are the word of God, the final and supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

Article II

In the Scriptures, God reveals himself as the living and true God, Creator of all things. Perfect in love and righteous in all His ways, this one God exists eternally as a Trinity of persons: Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Article III

God made man in His image that he might have fellowship with him. Being estranged from God by his disobedience, sinful man is incapable of a right relationship to God apart from divine grace.

Article IV

The only Mediator between God and man is Jesus Christ our Lord, God's eternal Son, who as man fully shared and fulfilled our humanity in a life of perfect obedience.

Article V

By His death in our place, Jesus revealed the divine love and upheld divine justice, removing our guilt and reconciling us to God. Having risen bodily from the dead and ascended into heaven, he rules as Lord over all and intercedes for us as our great high priest.

Article VI

The Holy Spirit, through the proclamation of the gospel, renews our hearts, persuading us to repent of our sins and confess Jesus as Lord. By the same Spirit we are led to trust in divine mercy, whereby we are forgiven all our sins, justified by faith through the merit of Christ our Savior, adopted into God's family as children and enabled so to live in the world that men may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

Article VII

God by His word and Spirit calls sinful men into the fellowship of Christ's body. Thus, he creates the one holy, catholic and apostolic church, united in the bonds of love, endowed with the gifts of the Spirit and summoned by Christ to preach the gospel and administer the sacraments, to relieve human need and suffering and to strive for social justice.

Article VIII

God's redemptive purpose will be consummated by the return of Christ to raise the dead, judge all men and establish his glorious kingdom. Those who are apart from Christ shall be eternally separated from God's presence, but the righteous shall live and reign with Him forever.