



GENERAL COUNCIL 2023

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON



STATEMENT OF FAITH

RATIFICATION

ARTICLE 1

There is one God¹ (**Deut. 6:4**),
Creator of all things (Rev. 4:11), who
is infinitely perfect² (**Matt. 5:48**),
existing eternally in three persons:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (**Matt.**
28:19).³ (~~¹Deuteronomy 6:4,~~ ~~²Matthew~~
~~5:48,~~ ~~³Matthew 28:19~~)

ARTICLE 2

Jesus Christ is **the** true God and true man (**Phil. 2:6–11**).⁴ He was **sent by the Father (John 20:21)**, conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the ~~v~~Virgin, Mary (**Luke 1:34–38**).⁵ He died ~~u~~pon the cross, the Just for the unjust (**1 Pet. 3:18**),⁶ as a substitutionary sacrifice (**Heb. 2:9**),⁷ and all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood (**Rom. 5:9**).⁸ He ~~a~~rose from the dead according to the Scriptures (**1 Cor. 15:3–4**).⁹ He is now at the right hand of the Majesty on high as our great High Priest (**Heb. 8:1**).¹⁰ He will come again to establish His Kingdom of righteousness and peace (**Isa. 9:6–7**).¹¹ (~~⁴Philippians 2:6–11, ⁵Luke 1:34–38, ⁶1 Peter 3:18, ⁷Hebrews 2:9, ⁸Romans 5:9, ⁹Acts 2:23–24, ¹⁰Hebrews 8:1, ¹¹Matthew 26:64~~)

ARTICLE 3

The Holy Spirit is a divine person (**John 14:16–18**),¹² sent to indwell, guide, teach, **gift**, empower, **and bear His fruit in every**~~the~~ believer (**John 16:13; 1 Cor. 12:4, 11; Acts 1:8; Gal. 5:22–23**).¹³ ~~and convince~~ **He convicts** the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment (**John 16:7–11**).¹⁴ (~~¹²John 14:15–18, ¹³John 16:13 and Acts 1:8, ¹⁴John 16:7–11~~)

ARTICLE 4

The Old and New Testaments, inerrant as originally given, were verbally inspired by God and are a complete revelation of His will for ~~the~~ **our** salvation ~~of men~~. They constitute the divine and only rule of Christian faith and practice.¹⁵ (¹⁵2 Pet. 1:20–21, ~~and~~ 2 Tim. 3:15–~~16–17~~).

ARTICLE 6

Salvation has been provided through Jesus Christ for all ~~men~~ **people (1 John 2:2).**; ~~and~~ Those who repent and believe in Him are **justified by grace through faith (Rom. 3:21–24)**, born again of the Holy Spirit (**Titus 3:4–7**), **delivered from the dominion of darkness, transferred into the Kingdom of God’s Son (Col. 1:13),** ~~receive~~ **granted** the gift of eternal life, and ~~become~~ **adopted as the children of God (Rom. 8:14–16, John 1:12).**²¹ (~~²¹Titus 3:4–7~~)

ARTICLE 8

Provision is made in the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ for the healing of the **whole person (Isa. 53:4–5, Matt. 8:16–17)** ~~mortal body.~~²⁵ Prayer for the sick and anointing with oil are taught in the Scriptures **(James 5:13–16)** ~~and are as~~ privileges for the Church in this present age **(Acts 4:30).**²⁶
(~~²⁵Matthew 8:16–17, ²⁶James 5:13–16~~)



STATEMENT OF FAITH

ADOPTION

ARTICLE 10

There ~~shall~~ **will** be a bodily resurrection of **all people** (Acts 24:15). **Our Lord Jesus Christ will judge with perfect justice** (Acts 17:31, John 5:28–30) **as the unrepentant and unbelieving are raised to the conscious anguish of eternal separation from God** (Rev. 20:15, 21:8, 2 Thess. 1:9), **and repentant believers are raised** (John 6:40) **to the unending joy of eternal life with God** (Ps. 16:11, Rev. 21:1–4).~~the just and of the unjust; for the former, a resurrection unto life;~~³⁰~~for the latter, a resurrection unto judgment.~~³¹ (~~³⁰1 Corinthians 15:20–23,~~³¹~~John 5:28–29~~)

ARTICLE 5

Man and woman, ~~was originally~~ created in the image and likeness of God (**Gen. 1:27**);¹⁶ ~~he~~ fell through disobedience, incurring ~~thereby~~ both physical and spiritual death (**Rom. 6:23**). ~~All men are~~ **Therefore, everyone** is born with a sinful nature (**Rom. 5:12**),¹⁷ ~~are~~ is separated from the life of God (**Eph. 4:18**), and can be saved only through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ (**Rom. 3:25**).¹⁸ ~~The portion of the impenitent and unbelieving is existence forever in conscious torment;~~¹⁹ ~~and that of the believer, in everlasting joy and bliss.~~²⁰ (¹⁶~~Genesis 1:27,~~ ¹⁷~~Romans 3:23,~~ ¹⁸~~1 Corinthians 15:20–23,~~ ¹⁹~~Revelation 21:8,~~ ²⁰~~Revelation 21:1–4~~)

ARTICLE 7 – REFERRED TO BOD

It is the will of God that **in Christ (Col. 1:27)** each believer ~~should be filled with the Holy Spirit and~~ be sanctified wholly (**1 Thess. 5:23**),²² being separated from sin, ~~and the world and~~ fully dedicated to ~~the will of~~ God (**Rom. 6:13**), **and filled with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18)**, thereby receiving power for holy living and effective service (**Acts 1:8**).²³ **Positional sanctification occurs at conversion while experiential sanctification follows and involves** ~~is both a~~ **decisive points of complete surrender (Rom. 12:1)** ~~crisis~~ and a progressive experience (**Gal. 5:16, 25**) ~~wrought through which Christ is formed~~ in the life of the believer **by the Spirit subsequent to conversion (Gal. 4:19, Rom. 6:1–14)**.²⁴ (~~²²1 Thessalonians 5:23, ²³Acts 1:8, ²⁴Romans 6:1–14)~~)

ARTICLE 9

The Church consists of all those who believe ~~on~~ **in** the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed through His blood, and are born again ~~of~~ **by** the Holy Spirit. Christ is the Head of ~~the~~ **His** Body (**Eph. 1:22–23, Col. 1:18**), the Church,²⁷ which has been commissioned by Him to go into all the world **making disciples of all peoples** (**Matt. 24:14, 28:19–20**). ~~as a witness, preaching the gospel to all nations.~~²⁸

ARTICLE 9

The local church is a body of believers in Christ (**Eph. 5:30**) who are **called to love (1 Thess. 3:12)** and joined together for the worship of God, for edification through the Word of God, for prayer, fellowship, the proclamation of the gospel **through word and deed (Luke 4:18–19)**, and observance of the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper (**Acts 2:41–47**).²⁹ (~~²⁷Ephesians 1:22–23, ²⁸Matthew 28:19–20, ²⁹Acts 2:41–47~~)

ARTICLE 11

The Second Coming of ~~the Lord~~ Jesus Christ, **our Lord and King (Rev. 19:16)**, is imminent (**Heb. 10:37, Rev. 22:20**)³² and will be **sudden (1 Cor. 15:52)**, personal, visible, and premillennial (**Acts 1:11, Matt. 26:64, Rev. 20:1–7**).³³ This is the believer's blessed hope and is a vital truth which **calls us ~~is an incentive~~ to holy living, intentional witness, and faithful service (Titus 2:11–14)**.³⁴
(³²~~Hebrews 10:37,~~ ³³~~Luke 21:27,~~ ³⁴~~Titus 2:11–14~~)

ARTICLE 11 PREAMBLE 1

This preamble paraphrases the words of our founder, Dr. A. B. Simpson, penned in 1887. They are found in the preamble and body of the first constitution of what was then known as The Christian Alliance. We continue to embrace this spirit within The Christian and Missionary Alliance (The Alliance) today.

ARTICLE 11 PREAMBLE 2

The Alliance is a family of believers who share in common the fullness of Jesus in His present grace and coming glory. The Alliance is not intended to be sectarian in a way that would divide it from the broader body of evangelical churches. Rather, it is the intent of The Alliance to fellowship and partner with all Christians, churches, and denominations who, like us, cling to “the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints” (Jude 3).

ARTICLE 11 PREAMBLE 3

We understand that some will desire to be members and official workers in The Alliance who are in agreement with our mission and our doctrinal principles with the exception that they may not fully embrace the doctrine of the premillennial return of Jesus Christ. Such people may be received into membership and licensed for ministry so long as they embrace all the other tenets of our Statement of Faith and are willing to give the matter of premillennialism their honest and prayerful consideration.



WOMEN IN MINISTRY

ELDERSHIP

It is recommended that the eldership in Alliance churches be the lead pastor, elected lay elders, and, as deemed appropriate by the local church, other male members of the licensed ministry staff.

DESIGNATION – CONSECRATED AND ORDAINED

It is recommended that the designation “Consecrated and Ordained” be used to indicate the denomination’s endorsement on all official workers, both male and female, who meet the stated qualifications for Alliance ministry and have successfully completed the consecration and ordination process outlined in the *Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance*.

USE OF TITLE OF PASTOR

It is recommended that the title pastor, except lead pastor, may be used by a local church to refer to its male and female official workers if its biblical understanding allows.

DESIGNATION OF REVEREND

It is recommended that while the designation of reverend is conferred by the LO&CC upon completion of the consecration and ordination process outlined in the *Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance*, each local church may determine the use of this designation as appropriate in their context.