



GENERAL COUNCIL 2025

COLUMBUS, OHIO



STATEMENT OF FAITH

RATIFICATION

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; for the latter, a resurrection unto judgment.~~

ARTICLE 5

Man **and woman**, ~~was originally~~ created in the image and likeness of God (**Gen. 1:27**), ~~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**), ~~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**). ~~The portion of the impenitent and unbelieving is existence forever in conscious torment; and that of the believer, in everlasting joy and bliss.~~

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, 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.~~

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)**.



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FAILED TO RATIFY

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**) and will be **sudden (1 Cor. 15:52)**, personal, visible, and premillennial (**Acts 1:11, Matt. 26:64, Rev. 20:1–7**). 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**).

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.



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ADOPTED

ARTICLE 7

It is the will of God that **through Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit who indwells us (Col. 1:27, John 14:17)**, each believer should ~~be filled with the Holy Spirit and be sanctified wholly-sanctified wholly~~ **(1 Thess. 5:23), filled with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18)**, ~~being separated from sin and the world and fully dedicated to the will of God~~ **(Rom. 6:13)**, thereby receiving power for holy living and effective service **(Acts 1:8)**. This is both a ~~crisis~~ **decisive point of complete surrender (Rom. 12:1)** and a progressive experience ~~wrought~~ **(Gal. 5:16, 25) through which Christ is formed in the life of the believer (Gal. 4:19) by the Holy Spirit subsequent to following conversion (Rom. 6:1–14).**



OTHER BUSINESS

ADOPTED

- Revisions to Presidential Elections (remove proxy voting; simultaneous voting for online OW's)
- Floor nomination process for Presidential Elections
- Officer, nominee affirmation of Statement of Faith, C&MA Policy
- Removal for District Superintendent
- Two Year GCF Budget
- Elections