

In order to preserve the function and integrity of CLC and to provide a biblical role model to our members and the community, it is imperative that all members, adults and children, agree to and abide by the CLC Statement of Faith.

Statement of Faith 2023-24

The Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God, the final authority of faith, truth, morality, conduct and life, without error in its original writing both in doctrine and historical details. All true knowledge is consistent with its revelation.

There is one self-existent, sovereign God who is eternal, immutable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent. Knowing God is the foundation of all knowledge, wisdom, understanding, and truth.

There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

God created the world in 6 literal 24 hour days and rested on the 7th day. (Gen. 1) Man was created by God in the image of God, but fell into sin and therefore is lost, and can only be saved by faith in Jesus Christ alone (John 14:16, Acts 4:12). *God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11).*

Jesus Christ, born of a virgin, is the incarnation and supreme revelation of God. Jesus alone is the Promised Messiah, the Savior of mankind through His death on the cross, burial, resurrection from the dead and ascension to God the Father. He will return again and reunite with those who believe in Him, to reign with Him in power and glory throughout all eternity.

Every believer of Jesus Christ has been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. God's Holy Spirit, "...lives with you and will be in you..." (John 14:17). The Holy Spirit is the inspiration behind the writings of scripture, administrator of the church, the believer's counselor, the source of a believer's spiritual and physical strength, the believer's teacher, and the believer's confirmer of salvation.

There exists a community of believers who, through faith in Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, covenants with God and with other believers to live out faithfully the beliefs, practices, and mission of the church. As a community of believers, we are to carry out the work of Christ in the world and to love one another. *Every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31).*

Statement on Gender & Marriage

- a. God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.
- b. The term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one biological man and one biological woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen 2:18-25).
- c. God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a biological man and a biological woman who are married to each other (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4).

The Board's Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct

The Statement of Faith and Statement on Gender, Marriage and Sexuality does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself is the sole and final source and authority for all that we believe.

The Board of Covenant Light Co-op reserves the right to deny or revoke membership to any individual (or family), if it is determined by the Board, that to allow such an individual (or family) as participants would be detrimental to the group, or there have been clear violations of Christian principles, which are reflected in the Statement of Faith and/or in the Bible. These decisions will be made at the sole discretion of the board.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Statement of Faith and agree to abide by it.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____