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Statement of Faith

These are the Professions of Faith of the membership of The United New Testament Church, The United New Testament Church International, the United New Testament Church Association and all Ministries thereof:

The sole basis of our beliefs is the Bible, God's infallible written Word. We believe that it was uniquely, verbally and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit and that it was written without error in the original manuscripts. It is the supreme and final authority in all matters on which it speaks. We accept those areas of doctrinal teaching on which, historically, there has been general agreement among all true Christians. Because of the specialized calling of our ministry, we desire to allow for freedom of conviction on other doctrinal matters, provided that any interpretation is based upon the Bible alone, and that no such interpretation shall become an issue which hinders the ministry to which God has called us.

Tenants of OUR Faith

These are the core beliefs of the membership of The United New Testament Church, The United New Testament Church International, the United New Testament Church Association and all Ministries thereof:

I. About God

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God. (Genesis 1:1, 26; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; I Peter 1:2)

II. About Jesus Christ

Jesus is the one and only Son of God. He lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on the cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and is coming again soon as King of Kings and Lord of Lords to redeem His bride, the church. (Matthew 1:22,23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5; 14:10-30; Hebrew 4:14, 15; 1 Corinthians 15:3,4; Romans 1:3,4; Acts 1:9-11; I Timothy 6:14,15; Titus 2:13)

III. About the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son. He is present in the world to make man aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with the power for living, enables understanding of Biblical truth, and guides them in righteous living. He provides every Christian with spiritual gifts for service at the moment of salvation. We seek to live under His control and guidance



daily. (2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13, 14:17-17; Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 2:12, 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18)

IV. About the Word of God

We believe that the Bible is the inerrant revelation of God's nature, God's vision, God's purposes, God's judgment, and God's good news to humanity. We believe that God continues to progressively manifest his nature, vision, purpose, judgment, and good news to humanity, by pouring out his Spirit upon all flesh; Our sons and our daughters shall prophesy, our old men shall dream dreams, our young men shall see visions. Through the work of His Spirit, the servants, the handmaids, laypersons and those incardinated, or ordained, will be not merely hearers of the Word, but doers also. We believe the confirmation of the Holy Spirit within the believer and the Church is paramount in the revelation and discernment of God's Word. (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 1:13; Numbers 22:28; Psalm 119:150, 160, 12:6; Proverbs 30:5; Joel 2:28)

V. About Salvation

Salvation is by grace through faith alone; and is God's free gift to us. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement; or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ in his or her life by faith. (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1; Romans 10:9-10)

VI. About Eternity

Heaven is a literal place where God will wipe away every tear and there will be no more death, mourning, crying or pain. Believers will live forever in God's presence. We also believe in a literal hell, which is a place of physical and spiritual torment, experienced as a result of eternal separation from God. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (John 3:16; John 14:7; Romans 6:23; Romans 8:17-18; Revelation 20:15, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

VII. About the Church

We believe that the true church is composed of all who have been saved through faith in Jesus Christ. We also believe members of the true Church, which is the Bride of Christ, are fully eligible for membership in the local church. God primarily ministers on earth through the local church. Christ is the head of the church, not any person, group, or religious organization. While recognizing the value of associating and cooperating with other groups of Christians, we believe that the local church should be independent, self-governing, and free from most associational and/or denominational control. (Matthew 16:18; I Corinthians 12:12-14; Hebrews 10:25; Colossians 1:18)

VIII. About the Christian Home

We believe that marriage consists of one man and one woman under God. That it is a great sacrament blessed by God. It is "honorable" (Heb 13.4). It is a "great mystery" (Eph 5.32) Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. (Genesis 5:2) We believe that God has given parents the responsibility to bring their children up in the nurture and discipline of the Lord. We believe that it is the parents responsibility to educate and disciple their children in the truth of God. We believe that the church must work to compliment the parent's efforts and facilitate Godly living within the home. (Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 22:6; Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Joshua 24:15)



IX. About Baptism and the Lord's Supper

Jesus instructed His disciples to remember His death and resurrection. He gave the Church two visible symbols (called "ordinances") as reminders. These two ordinances are baptism and the Lord's Supper. We respect all acts of baptism performed in spiritual obedience to the Lord as a one-time act of identification with Jesus Christ as one's personal Lord and Savior. The Lord's Supper is an ongoing symbol remembering our Lord's death, burial, resurrection, and promised return. Each individual must decide their own participation in these ordinances. Regardless, we do not regard anyone's participation in these practices as a means of salvation. (Matthew 28:18-20; 26:26-29; I Corinthians 11:23-32, Colossians 2:12)

X. About the Christian Life

We believe that God calls us with a holy calling to walk not after the desires and influences of the world, but after the Spirit. God wants us to live in the power of His Holy Spirit within us. We believe that the fallen, Adamic nature of the flesh is ever-present in this life. Therefore, keeping ourselves constantly in subjection to Christ, we must allow God's Holy Spirit to live through us in a daily walk of faith. We believe God is gathering His children to Himself, and He desires for His house to be full. We believe that the redemption of the believer is wholly the work of God, who first calls the believer, inspires the believer to repent (turn away) from their damaging, sinful past, then grants full mercy and pardon to the believer through faith alone in Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the only Son of God, and continues His good work within each of us through the Holy Spirit which resides within the believer from the moment of salvation. No man can earn salvation, or live a redeemed, Christ-honoring life without the direction and work of God and the Holy Spirit. It is the responsibility and privilege of every Christian to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and to seek and to make growing disciples. We believe and uphold the priesthood of all believers, and believe that each child of God has a specific purpose and calling for ministry in this life. (Luke 14:12-24; Leviticus 26:30; Philippians 2:13; Ephesians 5:18; I Peter 3:15; Galatians 5:16; Matthew 28)

By my Signature Affixed hereon,

I affirm that I have read these Tenants of Faith,
agree with them as presented in both part and in whole,
and pledge to live by them, minister by them, and support all others
seeking to do the same.

Minister's Signature

UNTCI Minister's Printed Name (Full)



Date of Signature (seal)

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