

## **Teen Missions International: Facility Use Agreement Exhibit A**

### **Religious Beliefs and Standards**

#### **ARTICLE 3 - STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**3.1 Preamble.** Historically, movements within the Christian Church have functioned positively to advance biblical goals within the broader global context of evangelism and discipleship. These goals could either (i) target the rediscovery of neglected theological priorities, such as particular church ordinances or teachings (For example teachings regarding justification, baptism, election, etc.), or (ii) the advancement of emerging theological priorities; (iii) or the expansion of the church throughout the world. In the case of Teen Missions International, Inc., as an Association of Churches, the goal is the advancement of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ by promoting and supporting worldwide evangelism and discipleship through adult and youth missions.

A Statement of Faith for such movements is critical as it clarifies the character of such movements as being within the mainstream faith tradition of Protestant Christianity. It provides transparent affirmation that what is being promoted is not a divisive or heretical doctrine, but rather the development of implicit yet seminal theory and practice regarding some aspect of the work of the Church in its redemptive aims. Transformation as both the goal and standard for faithful ministry is one such area. While all churches believe in and hope for transformative ministry, systematic implementations of best ministry practices that define and measure such transformation have remained undeveloped. The goal of the Association is to lead adults and youth to join the global Christian Church mission movement, and we do this by training and sending youth missionaries to support existing evangelical churches and creating new ministry programs around the world.

Our Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of the Association's Statement of Faith, Foundational Family Values, and Core Values, our Board of Directors is the Association's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application. All Scripture quotations are from The ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Every member, director, officer, and employee of the Association shall agree with the Association's Statement of Faith, Foundational Family Values, and Core Values adopted by the Board of Directors. Each member, director, officer, and employee of the Association whose confession of faith or behavior conflicts with the Association's Statement of Faith, Foundational Family Values, and Core Values will be subject to removal and termination of their position within the Association by the Board of Directors, or its designee.

**3.2 Statement of Faith.** The Association's "Statement of Faith" is set forth as follows:

a. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, and authoritative Word of God inerrant in its original documents. (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21, John 20:31, Psalms 119, Matthew 5:18)

b. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in the three persons: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 8:6, 2 Cor 3:17, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Colossians 2:9, Isaiah 9:6, Luke 3:21-22, 1 Peter 1:1-2)

c. We believe in the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood and His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His tangible return in power and glory. (Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:35, Matthew 1:20, John 1:1,14, John 5:8, John 8:58, Exodus 3:14, John 10:30-33, John 20:28, Colossians 2:9, Philippians 2:5-8 Hebrews 1:8, 1 Peter 2:22, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 John 3:5, Hebrews 9:14, 1 Peter 1:19, 1 John 2:2, Luke 24:6-7, Mark 16:6, 1 Peter 1:3, John 11:25-26, Acts 1:9-11, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, Hebrews 9:28)

d. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential. (John 3:3, Ephesians 2:1, Colossians 2:13, John 1:12-13, Titus 3:5, Acts 2:38-39)

e. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. (Acts 2:38-39, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 1 Corinthians 6:19, Ezekiel 36:27, 2 Timothy 1:14, Ephesians 5:18, Romans 8:11, Galatians 5:18, Zechariah 4:6))

f. We believe in the resurrection of the body of the saved and lost — they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. (Dan 12:2, John 5:28-29, Revelations 20:12-13, 1 Corinthians 15:52, 1 Thessalonians 4:16, Acts 24:15, 1 Corinthians 15:35- 44)

g. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ. (1 Corinthians 1:10, Ephesians 4:11-13, Colossians 3:13-14, John 17:23, Psalms 133:1)

### **3.3 Foundational Family Values.**

a. We believe that God has established marriage as a lifelong, exclusive covenant relationship between one biological man and one biological woman and that all intimate sexual activity outside the marriage relationship, whether heterosexual, homosexual or otherwise, is immoral and therefore sin (Genesis. 2:24-25, Exodus 20:14, 17, 22:19; Leviticus 18:22-23, 20:13, 15-16; Matthew 19:4-6, 9; Romans 1:18-31; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, 15-20; 1 Timothy 1:8-11; Jude 7).

b. We believe that God created the human race male and female and that all conduct with the intent to adopt a gender other than one's birth gender is immoral and therefore sin (Genesis 1:27; Deuteronomy 22:5).

c. We believe the Bible teaches that God is the ultimate source and sustainer of all human life (Genesis 1:27; Psalm 31:15; Isaiah 45:12; 1 Timothy 6:13); and that human life begins at the moment of conception (Psalm 51:5, 58:3; Jeremiah 1:5). As a result, all human life is to be respected and valued as God's sacred work and should be preserved and protected in a manner consistent with biblical ethics. Moreover, we encourage the body of Christ to speak out on behalf of those whose lives are threatened and who are unable to speak out for themselves.