

Statement of Faith

Samy Estafanos

1 I believe in the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Though three distinct persons, God is one in
2 essence and in spirit. Because God is triune, God is a relational God and because God is love, God is giving
3 and forgiving. I believe that God is transcendent who exists for his own purposes and creator who has
4 created all creations from nothing, but also God is immanent and personal who is present and caring for his
5 creatures. God is infinite, eternal, omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient so that fill the heaven and earth.

6 I believe that the triune and loving God reveals Godself through nature, the prophets, the scripture, and then
7 his son Jesus Christ who I belong to.

8 I believe that God created human beings in God's image; therefore, all humans are daughters and sons of
9 the one father of the whole creation regardless to gender, race, or color. Only through fulfilling this image
10 in our levies that we can fulfill God's will on the earth.

11 I believe that Jesus Christ, God's only Son, is the incarnate Word of God, fully God and fully man. And
12 only through being unified with Jesus' life, death, and resurrection that a sinful man, whose nature as the
13 image of God was corrupted by sin, can be transformed again in the very image of God.

14 I believe that God-the Holy Spirit proceeds from God-the Father and God-the Son, and was given to the
15 church at Pentecost. The Spirit convicts humans with their sin in order to lead them to recognize their
16 essential need to God, unifies them with Christ in a mystical union, and transforms them into the image of
17 God.

18 I believe that our God is a missionary God. God-the Father has sent God-the Son, God-the Son has sent
19 God-the Holy spirit, and God-the Holy Spirit has sent the Church to embody the life and principles of the
20 kingdom of God, which were embodied in the man Jesus Christ in the world.

21 I believe that Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word of God, is the living gospel to all humanity. Therefore, the
22 full will of God for all people is to accept Jesus for salvation and getting in the kingdom of God, which is
23 here and now on the earth and will completely fulfilled in the eternal life.

24 I believe that the holy scriptures are the most completed and well-formed revelation of God. While the Holy
25 Scriptures are the words of the prophets and authors who were guided by the Holy Spirit within the impact
26 of their backgrounds, and their political, economic, and social conditions, the main and central purpose of
27 these scriptures is to witness to the incarnate Word of God, Jesus Christ. Therefore, such as Jesus, the
28 Holy scriptures have two natures, divine and human nature.

29 I believe that, for growing in our faith and Christian life, we need to practice two sacraments, baptism and
30 eucharist, which are both rooted in the promise of God through the covenant that he has made. So that
31 through participating in these sacraments, we practice deep fellowship with God and with each other,
32 declare our belonging to God and our commitment to education, formation, and transformation to the image
33 of God for us and our children.

34 I believe that my mission and call is to embody the life, love, death, and resurrection of the Jesus Christ,
35 the full revelation of God, through, pastoral care, teaching, and preaching, helping people to be formed and
36 transformed into the image of God through unifying with Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.