

STATEMENT OF FAITH MEMPHIS LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the divine Word of God, the final and supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. The Scriptures are infallible, that is without error.

God reveals himself as the living and true God, Creator of all things, perfect in love and righteous in all His ways. This one God exists eternally as a Trinity of persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Humankind was created in the image of God that he might have fellowship with Him. Being estranged from God by disobedience, humankind is incapable of a right relationship to God apart from God's grace.

The only Mediator between God and humankind is Jesus Christ our Lord, God's eternal Son, who as a man shared and fulfilled our humanity in a life of perfect obedience.

By His death in our place, Jesus revealed the divine love and upheld divine justice, removing our guilt and reconciling us to God. Having risen bodily from the dead and ascended into Heaven, He rules as Lord overall and intercedes for us as our great high priest.

The Holy Spirit through the proclamation of the Gospel, renews our hearts, persuading us to repent of our sins and confess Jesus as Lord. By the same Spirit we are led to trust in divine mercy, whereby we are forgiven all our sins, justified by faith through the merit of Christ our Savior, adopted into God's family as His children and enabled us to live in the world that people may see our good works and glorify our Father who is in heaven.

God by His work and Spirit, calls sinful men and women into the fellowship of Christ's body. Thus He creates the one holy, catholic and apostolic church, united in the bonds of love, endowed with the gifts of the Spirit and summoned by Christ to preach the Gospel and to administer the sacraments, to relieve human needs and to strive for social justice.

God's redemptive purpose will be consummated by the return of Christ to raise the dead, judge all humankind and establish His glorious kingdom. Those who are apart from Christ shall be eternally separated from God's presence, but the righteous shall live and reign with Him forever.

The Memphis Leadership Foundation is committed to the following values:

- Belief in relationships with our relationship with Christ being the foundation of who we are;
- Commitment to people not programs;
- Belief that people are made whole only as they are in relationship with God through Jesus Christ;
- Commitment to integrity in the way we operate;
- Belief that God's Church is key to mission. We seek to enhance her through ministry;
- Commitment to racial reconciliation;
- Commitment to empower/develop (teaching people how to fish);
- Commitment to empowering, equipping, and enabling indigenous leadership.