



## STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. The CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM is resolved to uphold true, Scripture-based doctrine and to “earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints,” Jude 1, verse 3.
2. The CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM is comprised of a community that believe and accept the entire Holy Bible as containing the infallible Word of God, being devoted to Jesus Christ, Author and Finisher of our Faith, founded on the Apostolic Doctrine.
3. The faith spread by the CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM consists in always magnifying this celestial vocation, in each of us and retaining the freedom that Christ Jesus Our Lord has given us with His death and resurrection, so that He may reign with Divine Grace in the hearts of those redeemed by the Blood of the Eternal Covenant and to guide them by the Holy Spirit in all truth, in honor, praise and glory to God the Father, the eternally Blessed. (“Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you” and for His Work - I Peter, 5: 7-8).
4. The CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM adheres to the twelve Articles of Faith, which follow:
5. ARTICLES OF FAITH
  - 5.1. We believe and accept the entire Holy Bible as containing the infallible Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit; it is the only perfect order of our faith and manner of living; to which nothing can be added or taken away, and which is the power of God unto salvation to every believer. (2 Pet 1:21; 2 Tim 3:16-17; Rom 1:16)
  - 5.2. We believe there is only one living and true God, eternal, with infinite power, Creator of all things; and in the unity of Him: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Eph 4:6; Matt 28:19; I John 5:7)
  - 5.3. We believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the Word made flesh, Who assumed the human nature through the virgin Mary and, so, is true God and true Man, having two natures in one Person, the divine and human; and therefore is the only Saviour, Who suffered death for the guilt of all men. (Luke 1:27-35; John 1:14; I Peter 3:18)
  - 5.4. We believe in the personal existence of the devil and of his angels, evil spirits that together with him, will be punished in the everlasting fire. (Matt 25:41)
  - 5.5. We believe that the regeneration, or the new birth, is received only through faith in Christ Jesus, Who was delivered up for our offenses and was raised again for our justification. They who are in Christ Jesus (cleansed through His blood) are new creatures, and have Him for wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. (Rom 3:24-25; I Cor 1:30; II Cor 5:17)
  - 5.6. We believe in water baptism, performed in the Name of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38), with single immersion, according to Christ’s commission, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. (Matt 28:18-19)
  - 5.7. We believe in the baptism in the Holy Spirit, with the sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. (Acts 2:4; Acts 10:45-47; Acts 19:6)



- 5.8. We believe in commemorating the Lord's Supper. "That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me". "Likewise, also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you". (I Cor 11:23-25; Luke 22:19-20)
- 5.9. We believe it is necessary to abstain from things offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication, as decreed by the Holy Spirit in the general assembly held in Jerusalem. (Acts 15:28-29; Acts 16:4; Acts 21:25)
- 5.10. We believe that Jesus Christ took upon Himself our sickness. "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him". (Matthew 8:17; James 5:14-15)
- 5.11. We believe that the Lord, Himself (before the millennium) "shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord". (I Thess 4:16-17; Rev 20:6)
- 5.12. We believe there shall be a bodily resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." (Acts 24:15; Matt 25:46)
6. It was by the gifts of God that this spiritual movement began among the Italian-speaking people in Chicago, Illinois in the year 1907. Certain of these early believers, moved by the Holy Spirit, then delivered the testimony of this work of God in various localities in North America, Italy, and parts of South America; and the Omnipotent God accompanied them with His wonders. The main thrust of this evangelization was accomplished in the period of three years. This fully confirmed that we as God's people should let the Lord work while we hear Him and obey Him. For this basic reason, we have never consented to methods contrived by human minds for doing God's work on earth, these methods being contrary to God's thoughts and ways. (Isaiah 55:8)
7. In accord with this principle, and in consequence of a number of developments subsequent to the launching of this movement, it has been deemed expedient to set forth certain articles to supplement the Articles of Faith first written. These supplementary articles will serve to affirm in each faithful believer, those at present and those that may be added, how certain factious practices should be viewed in the light of "that which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes ... of the Word of life," (I John 1:1)
8. As to the manner in which the true church of God is constituted, Jesus is the Head "over all things to the church," (Ephesians 1:22); through Him all things from above are received. The Holy Spirit is the church's guide in all truth. Its bonding is the love of God in the hearts of the members, "which is the bond of perfectness," (Colossians 3:14).



9. We believe in the guidance and gifts of the Holy Spirit, Who first directs us to Christ, then dwells with us and in us, and manifests special gifts. The Holy Spirit is the robe of righteousness of the church of God in Jesus Christ, (Isaiah 61:10), and must be fully esteemed by God's people. If He is not, the Holy Spirit will depart with His special signs and His place will gradually be usurped by the human mind, as has been seen to occur in the past. If we are not to falter and fall from this celestial calling, as numerous other believers already have, we must first possess true humility of spirit, in order that the Spirit of God may govern us, as we remain always under the virtue of the blood of the Everlasting Covenant, believing the promises of the Lord, and with perseverance make supplication to the merciful Father, in the Name of the Lord Jesus, that He continue to save and to baptize with the Holy Spirit, and that He grant gifts unto us, so that this work of God may be preserved, and propagated as it was in the beginning.
  
10. We believe that the Gospel is ministered as a gift; "freely ye have received, freely give." (Matthew 10:8, I Corinthians 4:7). As such, the servants of God that are chosen for the ministry should seek knowledge and understanding of the Word of God which is contained in the Holy Bible, sanctification, and consecration to God (I Timothy 4:13, II Timothy 3:15). It is the duty of the servants of God in the ministry to continually read the Holy Scriptures, meditating upon them day and night, always seeking understanding and comprehension of the same from the Lord. We believe in the preaching of the Holy Word of God through revelation of the Holy Spirit, and that such teaching is not to be augmented or replaced by formal instruction, "as the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Peter 1:21, I Corinthians 2:10, Galatians 1:11).
  
11. Baptism is not for newborn infants. Taking example from the life of Jesus, who at age twelve was about his "Father's business," (Luke 2:49), that is the minimum age for water baptism unless the child under that age has received the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:47).
  
12. The Lord's Holy Supper should be commemorated with regular bread and of one cup, (Mark 14:23). The Lord's command was to share the cup by dividing it into parts with each other (Luke 22:17). The order given by the Lord was to share and all to drink of it. The "It" refers to the communion with the blood of Christ that was sacrificed for our guilt and sin. The Lord's Holy Supper must be commemorated in the afternoon or the evening.
  
13. The Scriptures do not designate the house of prayer for holding weddings and funerals.
  
14. The contract of matrimony, entered into in conformance to civil law, should be executed by a public officer. We believe, as it is written in the scriptures, that marriage is between one man and one woman, as is found in:
  - 14.1. Genesis 2:24 - "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh";
  - 14.2. Mark 10:6-9 - "But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder"; and
  - 14.3. I Corinthians 7:2 - "Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband";



- 14.4. Romans 1:24-27 – “Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet”.
- 14.5. Ephesians 5:28-29 – “So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church”. “Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband” (I Corinthians 7:3).
15. We hold to that which was declared by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, that “Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery, (Matthew 19:9); likewise, if a woman shall put away her husband, (Mark 10:12).
16. The conduct of the worship service follows the teachings found in I Corinthians 14. All things done must be unto edifying – whether psalm, doctrine, tongue, etc., (I Corinthians 14:26). Those who have gifts of ministry, teaching, exhorting, must tend to those gifts, (Romans 12:6-8), “Let all things be done decently and in order,” (I Corinthians 14:40).
17. True worship is characterized by modesty, sincerity, and simplicity of heart. It is the heart, which must be prepared for the worship service and not the service itself. Nor is the service for the particular day, but every service is unto the Lord. The freedom of the Spirit must prevail, which is the freedom for the Spirit to direct all things, in order that those present may be nourished from the written Word and the word spoken by divine inspiration and guidance.
18. Every divine worship service is begun by opening it in the Name of the Lord Jesus, (Matthew 18:20, Colossians 3:16-17). The congregation kneels during prayer, honoring God’s Word, (Psalms 95:6, Ephesians 3:14, Philippians 2:10). It is a dishonor for the woman to worship having her head uncovered (I Corinthians 11:6).
19. We believe in not making, nor worshipping, nor having in the church or in the home, idols, crosses, or religious figurines, on paper or of other material; for “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:24, Exodus 20:4).
20. We fully believe as is written in John 14:26. “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you,”.
21. All members must be watchful that the Holy Scriptures be not annulled, neither by circumstances, nor because of the times, which we believe are the days of apostasy, predicted by the divine wisdom. Many are deceivers, “who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not,” (Titus 1:10,11). “Of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them,” (Acts 20:30). We are to remember to try the spirits, (I John 4:1), for there are also imitations by Satan, which the Holy Spirit, manifests and reprimands.



We must remember always that God alone can protect and preserve us in this holy calling; and He will, if we despise evil and honor His Word, and with firm determination serve Him joyfully, that we may retain the true Faith by God's grace, to obtain at the end the faithful promises in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Hallelujah, Amen.