

## Child Evangelism Fellowship® Statement of Faith

### WE BELIEVE:

1. ***That "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God,"*** by which we understand the whole book called the Bible: that it is inerrant in the original writing and that its teaching and authority are absolute, supreme and final. That the Holy Spirit guided the holy men of old in all that they wrote. 2 Timothy 3:16; Deuteronomy 4:2; 2 Peter 1:21.

2. ***The Godhead eternally exists in three persons - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.*** These three are one God, having the same nature, attributes and perfection. Romans 1:20; Matthew 28:19; Deuteronomy 4:35; John 17:5.

3. ***In the Personality and Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ,*** begotten of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, truly God and truly man. John 1:1; John 1:14; John 10:30; Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:30-31; Philippians 2:5-7; 1 Timothy 3:16; Colossians 1:19.

4. ***In the Personality and Deity of the Holy Spirit,*** the source and power of all acceptable worship and service, the infallible interpreter of the infallible Word, who indwells every true believer, and is ever present to testify of Christ, seeking to occupy us with Him and not with ourselves or our experiences. John 15:26; Acts 5:3-4; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:12, 14; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 12:13; John 16:13-14.

5. ***That man was created in the image of God, after His likeness, as stated in the Word of God, but the whole human race fell in the fall of the first Adam.*** Not only was his moral nature grievously injured by the fall but he totally lost all spiritual life, becoming dead in trespasses and sins, and subject to the power of the devil. "The carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then, they that are in the flesh cannot please God" (Romans 8:7-8). Therefore, he cannot see nor enter the kingdom of God until he is born again by the Holy Spirit. That no degree of reformation however great, no attainment in morality however high, no culture however attractive, no humanitarian and philanthropic schemes and societies however useful, no baptism or other ordinance however administered can help the sinner to take even one step toward Heaven; but a new nature imparted from above, a new life implanted by the Holy Spirit through the Word is absolutely essential to salvation. Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 5:12; Ephesians 2:1-3; John 3:3, 6-7; Titus 3:5.

6. ***That Jesus Christ became the sinner's substitute before God, and died as a propitiatory sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.*** That He was made a curse for the sinner, dying for his sins according to the Scriptures that no repentance, no feeling, no faith, no good resolutions, no sincere efforts, no submission to the rules and regulations of any church can add in the very least to the value of the precious blood or to the merit of that finished work wrought for us by Him, who tasted death for every man. Romans 5:8; 1 John 2:2; Hebrews 2:9; Galatians 3:13; Romans 4:4-5; Romans 3:25; Colossians 1:13-14, 20-21.

7. ***In the resurrection of the crucified body of Jesus Christ;*** that His body was raised from the dead according to the Scriptures, and that He ascended into Heaven and sits on the right hand of God as the believer's high priest and advocate. Luke 24:39; Acts 1:10-11; Ephesians 4:10; Hebrews 1:3; 1 John 2:1.

8. ***That Christ in the fullness of the blessings He has secured by His death and resurrection is received by faith alone,*** and that the

moment we trust in Him as our Saviour we pass out of death into everlasting life, justified from all things, accepted before the Father according to the measure of His acceptance, loved as He is loved and made one with Him. At the time of acceptance of Christ as Saviour, He comes to dwell within the believer and to live out His life of holiness and power through him. Hebrews 9:15; John 5:24; Romans 3:28; Romans 4:3, 23-25; Ephesians 1:3; John 17:23; Galatians 2:20; Galatians 4:6-7; Galatians 5:16; Acts 1:8.

9. ***That the Church is composed of all those who truly believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour.*** It is the body and bride of Christ. That every believer, whether Jew or Gentile, is baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit, and having thus become members of one another we are responsible to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, rising above all sectarian prejudices and denominational bigotry and loving one another with a pure heart fervently. Ephesians 2:19-22; Ephesians 1:22-23; Ephesians 5:25-27, 31-32; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Romans 12:4-5; Ephesians 4:1-3; 1 Corinthians 1:10.

10. ***That all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ are called into a life of separation from worldly and sinful practices,*** and should abstain from such amusements and habits as will cause others to stumble, or bring reproach upon the cross of Christ. Believers are created in Christ Jesus unto good works. "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10). 1 John 2:15-16; Romans 14:13; Romans 13:14; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Ephesians 2:10.

11. ***In the evangelization of the world,*** that the supreme mission of the people of God in this age is to preach the Gospel to every creature. That special emphasis should be placed upon the evangelization of children. Mark 16:15; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Matthew 18:14.

12. ***In the personal return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,*** that the coming again of Jesus Christ is the "Blessed Hope" set before us, for which we should be constantly looking. Our citizenship is in Heaven from whence we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ (Philippians 3:20). Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17; John 14:1-3; Titus 2:13; Philippians 3:20-21.

13. ***That the souls of those who have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation do at death immediately pass into His presence,*** and there remain in conscious bliss until the resurrection of the body at His coming, when soul and body re-united shall be with Him forever in glory. Luke 23:43; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Luke 16:22, 25; Philippians 1:23; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18.

14. ***That the souls of the lost remain after death in misery until the final judgment of the great white throne,*** when soul and body re-united at the resurrection shall be cast "into the lake of fire" which is "the second death," to be "punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power" (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9). Luke 16:22-23, 27-28; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 20:5, 11-15; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9.

15. ***In the reality and personality of Satan, "that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceives the whole world"*** (Revelation 12:9). Ephesians 6:11-12; 1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 20:10.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Church affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

## Doctrinal Protection Policy

**Child Evangelism Fellowship® continues in its commitment to its “Statement of Faith,” which embodies the non-negotiable and historic beliefs of evangelical Christians.**

Within the community of evangelical believers various distinctives exist which do not prevent our fellowship in the Lord and our effectiveness as child evangelists.

We therefore resolve that CEF workers are qualified by their unreserved commitment to CEF’s “Statement of Faith” and their further commitment in all CEF activities to refrain from teaching or otherwise advocating doctrinal distinctives either contrary to or in addition to the “Statement of Faith.”

I, the undersigned, agree to abide by the above stated policy.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Lifestyle Agreement

It is expected that:

- a. All national staff will maintain healthy relationships with family, friends, colleagues and constituents. We are committed to speaking the truth in love, and resolving conflicts quickly and biblically. We are also committed to respecting the variations that exist between Christian traditions while carrying out our ministry.
- b. Biblical standards of personal, moral purity will be maintained. Each, being responsible for the expression of his or her own sexuality, will, therefore, maintain faithfulness in marriage, dress with appropriate modesty and in keeping with Scriptural principles avoid common-law, pre-marital, extra-marital, homosexual and lesbian relations. Further, acts of personal physical aggression, addictive and abusive behaviour and sexual harassment are deemed to be out of keeping with a Christian lifestyle. Therefore, any such violations, especially those involving minors, will be reported to the authorities, investigated and if proven will be grounds for dismissal.
- c. All national staff must abstain from all criminal activities, including, but not limited to, the promotion and use of pornographic materials, acts of theft, fraud, and the use of all illegal drugs. We expect abstinence from all alcoholic beverages to be practiced at all CEF business, social and ministry functions.

When warranted by deviation from the above, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. Such could include expulsion when efforts to correct and restore (in keeping with biblical principles) have been exhausted or resisted or have failed.

My signature below indicates my agreement to abide by the Lifestyle Agreement while a student at the Canadian Children’s Ministries Institute.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_