

# Statement of Faith

Our Co-op welcomes students and families from a variety of Christian denominations and religious backgrounds. In order to ensure that all current and prospective families have a clear understanding of the beliefs that guide and inform our co-op, we have outlined our Statement of Faith below.

Our goal is to create a unified, respectful environment where all families can thrive in their educational journey while honoring the core beliefs that guide our community.

While we value diversity in Christian perspectives, we ask that all participants, including families and teachers, adhere to the following guidelines. By signing to the Statement of Faith, you are acknowledging that:

- "We believe that all decisions made within this co-op should be guided by the principles outlined in this statement of faith. These principles will serve as a framework for decision-making, ensuring that the co-op's activities and direction align with our shared values."
- You and your family do not need to hold the same beliefs as those outlined in the Statement of Faith to participate or teach at our co-op.
- You will respect the co-op's faith-based foundation and not promote teachings that contradict these beliefs during co-op activities, classes, or in any media associated with our co-op.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)\_\_\_\_\_ (Date)\_\_\_\_\_

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- We believe the Bible to be the Word of God and without error in the original writings, and to be the only rule and authority for faith and practice. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21)
  - We believe in the one true God who is eternally and equally existent in three persons: God the Father; God the Son; and, God the Holy Spirit. (John 10:30; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2)
  - We believe that man came by direct creation of God and not by evolution. (Genesis 1-2; John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17)
  - We believe that man was created in the image of God. Through man's sin, he was separated from God, becoming spiritually lost and needing to be born again. (Genesis 1:26-27; John 3:3; Romans 5:15)
  - We believe that salvation is by grace alone, by repenting, believing in, and accepting Christ as personal Savior. Salvation is only through the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. (John 1:12; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-9)

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- We believe that marriage is between one man and one woman and anything outside that is contrary to the Word of God (Romans 1:18-32, Matt 19:4-5).
- We hold as belief and conviction that children are given by God as a stewardship to the parent and not the state and that parents have the wherewithal and authority to teach and educate their own children. (Proverbs 22:6, Deuteronomy 6:6-7, Ephesians 6:4, Psalms 127:3-5)
- We believe that God created mankind in His image: male (man) and female (woman), sexually different, but with equal personal and human dignity. Attempts to physically alter or disagree with one's predetermined biological sex, including but not limited to: elective sex reassignment, transvestite, transgender, or non-binary "gender-queer" acts or conduct is prohibited and sinful. (Genesis 1:26-28, Romans 1:26-32, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
- We believe that God created and ordered human sexuality to the permanent, exclusive, comprehensive, and conjugal "one-flesh" union of biologically ordered man and biologically ordered woman, intrinsically ordered to procreation and biological family, and in furtherance of the moral, spiritual, and public good of binding father, mother, and child. Consequently, we affirm the sexual complementarity of man and woman and resist any and all same-sex sexual attractions and refrain from any and all same-sex sexual acts or conduct, which are intrinsically disordered. (Genesis 1:27, Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:46, Mark 10:5-9, Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Ephesians 5:25-27, Revelation 19:7-9, Revelation 21:2)