

# Statement of Faith

## Vision Statement

Exalting Jesus Christ!

Igniting the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit  
under the authority of the Holy Bible as the Word of God  
through...

Prayer, Leadership Development, Growing the Church, and Mission Outreach

So that the Church may be empowered to do

all that Christ commands

for the glory of God the Father.

## 1. Credal Foundation

Our foundation of faith is articulated in the great creeds of the Christian church universal, especially the Apostles Creed and the Nicene Creed.

### The Apostles Creed

We believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, light from light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\* This is the 1988 English Language Liturgical Commission version of the Nicene Creed. We welcome brothers and sisters from the Eastern tradition whose Creed reads: “who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and Son”

Out of our historic and theological roots in the Reformed tradition, and our special calling to work for the extending of the kingdom of God, we affirm the following:

## 2. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church

All power in heaven and earth is given to Jesus Christ by Almighty God, who raised Christ from the dead and set him above all rule and authority, all power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. God has put all things under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and has made Christ Head of the church, which is his body.

## 3. We are Committed to Achieving the ‘Great Ends of the Church’

The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World.

## 4. We are Grounded Upon, and are Guided by, the Holy Bible as the Word of God

We believe the holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, the only rule for faith and obedience.

## 5. We Believe that Jesus Christ has Sent the Holy Spirit in order to accomplish Four Basic Works for the Glory of God:

1. That men and women may be born into the Kingdom God. (John 1:12-13, 3:1-8).

2. That those born into the Kingdom are being sanctified by the Holy Spirit dwelling within: their character being transformed to reflect the image of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 3:17-18, Galatians 5:22-23, Romans 12:1-2).
3. That Christians may receive power and spiritual gifts to be a witness to Jesus and do the works of Jesus in the world. (Acts 1:8. Luke 24:45, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, John 14:12-13).
4. That the people of God may be brought into fellowship (Koinonia) with one another and with the Father Son and Holy Spirit. (1 John 1:1-4, Ephesians 2:19-22, Acts 2:41-47).

This statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs.

The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of humankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe.

For purposes of faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline within the Dunamis Fellowship in Britain and Ireland, the Trustees of the Dunamis Fellowship Trust are the final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

## Affirmations Concerning the Contemporary Challenges to the Biblical Orthodox Christian Faith

### 1. Statement affirming that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation.

We affirm that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life and the only way to God the Father.

We affirm that there is no other name given under heaven by which humanity must be saved.

We stand in opposition to any creed, ideology, practice or rituals that promote any other way to God the Father and to salvation other than in Jesus Christ alone.

We are committed to the work of evangelism and mission that is led and empowered by the Holy Spirit, that brings the good news to all near and far that Jesus Christ is the only way of Salvation.

Our commitment is that all people, everywhere will hear the word God and may choose life in Jesus Christ.

For those who die without having heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ or have heard and rejected this way of life, we affirm that they are in the hands of a loving God who knows the depths of the human heart. We recognize that while Christians over the ages have had different opinions over the eternal fate of such people, we affirm that this is in the hands of God the Father and that, whatever the outcome, it will be only through the Father's means of Jesus Christ. If judgment, it will be through Christ; if life, forgiveness and redemption, it will also be through Christ.

As for us, our task is to proclaim Jesus Christ to the world as the only way of Salvation.

### 2. Statement on the sanctity of human life

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image.

Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death.

We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Ps 139)

We resist as not according to the biblical revelation of the sanctity of human life all ideologies, movements, and practices that would violate the sanctity of life.

We, as a ministry and as individuals, are committed to the reality that Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life and that his grace, love and forgiveness extends to all those who have in any way failed to live up to the biblical ideal.

### 3. Statement on marriage

We affirm that God created human beings as male and female and that together they reflect the image of God.

We affirm the biblical definition that Christian marriage is between one man and one woman.

We reject all other definitions of Christian marriage as inconsistent with God's revealed plans for humanity.

We affirm also that we live in a fallen world and we take the reality of sin seriously.

However, by the grace of God the Father, the love of Jesus Christ, and by the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit we are more and more reflecting the image of Jesus Christ, a process that will only be completed when we meet Jesus face to face.

We stand as witnesses to Jesus Christ and, as a ministry and as individuals, offer Christian fellowship, the love of God, forgiveness, and the transforming healing power of the Holy Spirit to all who have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

## Leadership at DFB&I Events

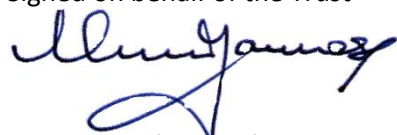
### Leadership

Those in leadership in the DFB&I (whether staff or volunteer) accept and agree to:

- Our Statement of Faith;
- Abide by our Code of Conduct, expressed as the Ten Tenets of the Dunamis Fellowship International;
- These Affirmations Concerning the Contemporary Challenges to the Biblical Orthodox Christian Faith (ie: Jesus Christ as the only way of salvation, the sanctity of human life, and Christian marriage).

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Signed on behalf of the Trust



Chris James (Trustee)