

Statement of Faith

For

Mountains Move

(A Board-driven 501(c)(3) Faith-Based Nonprofit Corporation)

Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Organizational Conduct

1. 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 mankind, is the final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Mountains Move and its expression of faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our board of directors is the final interpretive authority on the application of scripture. [1 Thessalonians 2:13](#); [2 Timothy 3:15-17](#); [John 3:16](#); [Luke 16:17](#).

On the Trinity

2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. [Deuteronomy 6:4](#); [1 Timothy 2:5](#), [Ephesians 3:4-6](#); [Matthew 28:19](#); [John 10:30](#); [Ephesians 4:4-6](#); [2 Corinthians 13:14](#).

On the Deity of Jesus Christ

3. We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God and Son of Man, in His Virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious, substitutionary, atoning death

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through His shed blood on the cross, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory. [Matthew 1:23](#); [Mark 1:11](#); [John 1:1-4 and 1:29](#); [Acts 1:11 and 2:22-24](#); [Romans 1:3-4 and 8:34](#); [1 Corinthians 15:3-4](#); [2 Corinthians 5:21](#); [Philippians 2:5-11](#); [Hebrews 1:1-4 and 4:15](#); [Luke 1:35](#).

4. We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. [Acts 3:19-21](#); [Romans 10:9-10](#); [1 Corinthians 6:9-11](#).

We believe that Jesus Christ and His lifestyle is our model for Christian living (in prayer, worship, teaching, discipleship, etc.) [Matthew 23: 8-12](#); [Mark 6:46](#); [Luke 24:13-35](#).

We profess a non-denominational approach to the sacraments, acknowledging the importance of baptism, confession, communion, and sanctification of believers in Jesus Christ. [1 John 1:9](#), [James 5:16](#), [Acts 2:38](#), [Mark 16:16](#), [Matthew 28:19 and 26:26-28](#).

On the Reconciliation of Believers

5. We believe that all humankind everywhere is lost and faces the judgment of God, that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation, and that for the salvation of lost and sinful humankind, repentance of sin and faith in Jesus Christ results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, we believe that God will reward the righteous with eternal life in heaven, and that He will banish the unrighteous to everlasting punishment in hell. We believe Jesus Christ will soon return to this earth, personally, visibly, and unexpectedly, in power and glory, to gather His elect, to raise the dead, to judge the

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nations, and to bring His Kingdom to fulfillment. [Luke 24:46-47](#); [John 14:6](#); [Acts 4:12](#); [Romans 3:23](#); [2 Corinthians 5:10-11](#); [Ephesians 1:7 and 2:8-9](#); [Titus 3:4-7](#).

On the Holy Spirit

6. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, whose indwelling enables the Christian to live a godly life. We believe the Holy Spirit enables humankind to understand the Scriptures, empowers them for godly living, and equips them for service and witness. [John 3:5-8](#); [Luke 11:13](#); [Acts 1:8 and 4:31](#); [Romans 8:9](#); [1 Corinthians 2:14](#); [Galatians 5:16-18](#); [Ephesians 6:12](#); [Colossians 2:6-10](#).

On the Resurrection

7. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the saved unto the resurrection of eternal life and the lost unto the resurrection of damnation and eternal punishment and separation from God. [1 Corinthians 15:51-57](#); [Revelation 20:11-15](#).

On the Unity of the Church

8. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and that all true believers are members of His body, the Church. [1 Corinthians 12:12, 27](#); [Ephesians 1:22-23](#); [Romans 12:4](#).

On Sexuality and Marriage

9. We believe God's plan for human sexuality is to be expressed only within the context of marriage, that God created man and woman as unique biological persons made

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to complete each other. God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. For this reason, we believe that marriage is exclusively the union of one genetic male and one genetic female. [Genesis 2:24](#); [Matthew 19:5-6](#); [Mark 10:6-9](#); [Romans 1:26-27](#); [1 Corinthians 6:9](#).

10. We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as either male or female, and that these two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God. [Genesis 1:26-27](#). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

11. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, or use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. [Matthew 15:18-20](#); [1 Corinthians 6:9-10](#).

12. We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Mountains Move as a part of the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to our staff, volunteers and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Mountains Move in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage and Sexuality. [Matthew 5:16](#); [Philippians 2:14-16](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:22](#).

On the Christian Life

13. We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. [Mark 12:28-31](#); [Luke 6:31](#). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any

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individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Mountains Move.

14. We believe that we must dedicate ourselves to prayer, to the service of our Lord, to His authority over our lives, and to the ministry of healing mankind through service and evangelism. [Matthew 9:35-38, 22:37-39 and 28:18-20](#); [Luke 9:1-2, Acts 1:8](#); [Mark 16:15](#); [Romans 10:9-15, 12:9-12 and 12:20-21](#); [Galatians 6:10](#); [Colossians 2:6-10](#); [1 Peter 3:15](#).

15. We believe that the ministry of evangelism (sharing and proclaiming the message of salvation that is only possible by grace through faith in Jesus Christ) and discipleship (helping followers of Christ grow up into maturity in Christ) is a responsibility of all followers of Jesus Christ. [Matthew 28:18-20](#); [Mark 1:17](#); [Acts 1:8](#); [Romans 10:9-15](#); [1 Peter 3:15](#); [Luke 11:19-20](#).

On the Sanctity of Life

16. 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. [Psalm 139:13](#); [Isaiah 49:1](#); [Jeremiah 1:5](#); [Matthew 22:37-39](#); [Romans 12:20-21](#); [Galatians 6:10](#); [Psalm 139](#).