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STATEMENT OF FAITH

Our Vision & Strategy The Greater Way:

Loving (God & others) Learning (The Way of Christ) Living (A life of self-sacrifice)

What We Believe:

About the Bible: We believe the entire Bible is the inspired Word of God and that men were moved by the Spirit of God to write the very words of Scripture. Therefore, we believe the Bible is without error. (2 Timothy 3:15 - 17).

About God: God is a spirit whose nature is light, love, and holiness; He is infinite, eternal, all wise, all powerful, all knowing. There is only one God, but that God is revealed as three distinct Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that Jesus Christ is the second member of the Trinity (the Son of God) who became flesh to reveal God to humanity and to become the Savior of the lost world through his death, burial and resurrection. (Genesis 1:1, John 4:24, John 1: 1-14, 1 John 1:5)

About Humanity: We believe that all people were created in the image of God to have fellowship with him but became alienated in that relationship through sinful disobedience. As a result, people are incapable of regaining a right relationship with God through their own efforts. (Romans 5: 8-12)

About Salvation: We believe that the blood of Jesus Christ, shed on the cross, provides the sole basis for the forgiveness of sin. Therefore, God freely offers salvation to those who place their faith in the death and resurrection of Christ as sufficient payment for their sin. (John 3:16)

About the Church: We believe that the church is the body of Christ, of which Jesus Christ is the head. The members of the church are those who have trusted by faith the finished work of Christ. The purpose of the church is to glorify God by loving him and by making him known to the lost world. (Acts 2: 42-47)

About Our Future: God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. (Matthew 24: 29-31, Revelation 19:11-21)