



## Statement of Faith

### WE BELIEVE IN

- The inspiration of the Bible as the Word of God.
- The Triune God, eternally existent as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- The divine image of God reflected in all humans, making all persons intrinsically valuable.
- The supremacy and sovereignty of God the Father, who created and upholds all things seen and unseen through Christ our Lord.
- The deity of Jesus Christ, only begotten Son of the invisible God, firstborn over all creation, fully God and fully man, head of the church, author and finisher of our faith; His death for our sins; and His resurrection and eventual return.
- Reconciliation with God is made possible for all only through the redemptive work of Christ.
- The regenerative power of the Holy Spirit, whose fruit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- God's loving intention for humanity and creation, to ultimately eliminate evil and suffering, to renew creation, and to live with redeemed humanity forever.

### IN PRACTICE, WE AGREE

Anything can become the path for discovering the love of God for which we are made and no one has God all figured out. Yet God remains holy and true, welcoming us with love no matter where we are coming from. Therefore we do not seek to dictate this path for one another or for our clients.

Each person's journey of knowing and following God may look different, though it will commonly reflect humility, repentance from sin, and belief. Therefore we seek to reflect these attributes to one another, to our clients, and to the world.

God is present everywhere, He is doing good, and great satisfaction comes from joining Him in His good work. Therefore we look for ways He is already at work to reveal His love and join Him in that rather than forcing a faith perspective on anyone we serve. If we are asked, however, we will share about the Christian nature of the organization with anyone who wishes.

No human being is forgotten by God and no one can be unimportant to us. Therefore we seek to be a safe and welcoming community for our clients, where all are included and belong, differences are respected, and unconditional positive regard is shown for all individuals regardless of gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, and faith perspective.

It is possible for followers of Christ to hold different interpretations of Scripture and its application as they journey in their relationship with God. Therefore, on issues that fall beyond a shared agreement with the REST Statement of Faith, we maintain respect and love for one another, even when there are differences in individual theology.