



## ***NEXT GENERATION IMPACT STATEMENT OF FAITH***

### **GOD**

We affirm our belief in the one eternal God, Creator and Lord of the world, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

### **JESUS CHRIST**

We affirm that there is only one Savior and only one gospel, although there is a wide diversity of evangelistic approaches.

### **THE HOLY SPIRIT**

We believe in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Father sent His Spirit to bear witness to His Son. Without His witness, ours is futile. Conviction of sin, faith in Christ, new birth, and Christian growth are all the work of His Holy Spirit. We affirm that the Holy Spirit is a missionary spirit and that reaching outside the walls of the church will arise spontaneously from a Spirit-filled church.

### **THE BIBLE**

We affirm the divine inspiration, truthfulness, and authority of both Old and New Testament Scriptures in their entirety as the only written word of God, without error.

### **THE GOSPEL**

The Good News is that Jesus Christ died for our sins and was raised from the dead according to the Scriptures, and as the reigning Lord, now offers the forgiveness of sins and the liberating gifts of the Spirit to all who repent and believe. The goal should be, by all available means and at the earliest possible time, that every person will have the opportunity to hear, understand, and receive the Good News.

### **THE CHURCH**

We affirm that Christ sends His redeemed people into the world as the Father sent Him. We affirm that God's purpose for churches working together is unity, and not division.

### **THE RETURN OF CHRIST**

We believe that Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly, in power and glory, to perfect His salvation and His judgment.

### **CONCLUSION**

In light of this our faith and resolve, we enter into a solemn covenant with God and each other, to pray, plan, and work together for the evangelization of those within and beyond our reach. We call upon others to join us. May God help us by His grace, and for His glory, be faithful to this our covenant! Amen.