

Homework C: Doctrinal agreement and ministry partner commitment

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Scripture

We believe that “all Scripture is breathed out by God” (2 Tim 3:16). We understand the whole Bible to be inspired in the sense that holy men of God were moved by the Holy Spirit to write the very words of Scripture. Therefore, we believe the Bible is verbally and completely inerrant in its original writings (2 Tim 3:16–17; 2 Pet 1:20–22; John 10:35; Matt 5:18).

Our triune God

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Deut 6:4; Isa 44:6; Matt 28:18–19; 2 Cor 13:14).

The church

We believe in the church of Jesus Christ, that it is a spiritual organism made up of all believers in Christ, that in its local manifestation it is an autonomous assembly of believers and that its ordinances are baptism and the Lord’s Supper (Col 1:18; Phil 1:1; 1 Cor 11:23–31; Matt 28:19–20).

The persons of Christ and the Holy Spirit

We believe Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary and is, therefore, fully God and fully man. The Holy Spirit was sent by the Father to convict the world of sin, to glorify Jesus and to transform the lives of believers into the likeness of Christ (Matt 1:20–25; John 1:1–2, 14).

The work of Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures as a substitutionary sacrifice, and that all who believe in him are redeemed and justified because of his shed blood (2 Cor 5:21; 1 Pet 1:18–19; Rom 3:26; 5:1).

Resurrection

We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, his ascension into heaven and his present life as high priest and advocate (Rom 1:4; 6:1–11; 8:31–34; 1 Cor 15:12–19; Acts 1:9; Heb 7:25; 9:24).

Humanity

We believe that humanity was created in the image of God; that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature subsequently displayed in thought, word and deed (Gen 1:26–28; 3; 9:6; Rom 5:12; Jas 3:9).

Salvation

We believe that all who place their faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross are born of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God, a relationship in which they are eternally secure (Eph 2:8–9; Rom 8:1, 29–34; 12:1–2; Heb 7:25; 10:14, 19; John 10:28–29; 1 John 5:13).

Return of Christ

We believe in “our blessed hope” (Titus 2:13) the personal, premillennial and imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (Acts 1:11; Rev. 20:4; 1 Cor 15:51–52; 1 Thess 4:16–17, 1:10).

Eternity

We believe that all people will experience a bodily resurrection after death. The nonbeliever will suffer punishment and torment, and the believer will be in heaven (Luke 10:15; 23:43; Rev 20:13; 2 Cor 5:8).

If you’re ready to commit to serve and join in the ministry at Trinity Chapel, please carefully read over the form again and let us know if you have questions or concerns before you sign. If you feel compelled to, sign on the back of this page. If you don’t sense God calling you to be a partner of Trinity Chapel, please don’t sign. Only sign if you really sense God calling you to join and commit to these things in your life. Because when you sign, we take our responsibility to help you do this very seriously, so only sign if this is where God would have you serve.

“When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow. It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay” (Eccl 5:4–5).

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior, and in submission to Trinity Chapel's doctrinal statement, vision, strategy and values, I feel led to become a ministry partner at Trinity Chapel. In doing so, I commit to the following:

1. The journey of spiritual transformation;
2. Seeking God's story as I grow to understand my own;
3. Participating in community; and
4. Giving graciously to others by serving, giving financially and sharing my story.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____