

YUGM Statement of Faith

- The Bible, consisting of all the books of the Old and New Testaments, is the Word of God, a supernaturally given revelation from God Himself, concerning Himself, His being, nature, character, will and purposes; and concerning man, his nature, need, duty and destiny. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are without error or misstatement in their moral and spiritual teaching and record of historical facts. They are without error or defect of any kind. (This reference to the inerrancy of the Scriptures is viewed as a reference to the very words of the original manuscripts.)
- There is one God, eternally existing and manifesting Himself to us in three Persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Our Lord Jesus was supernaturally conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin—Mary, a lineal descendant of David. He lived and taught and performed mighty works and wonders and signs exactly as is recorded in the four Gospels. He was put to death by crucifixion under Pontius Pilate. God raised from the dead the body that had been nailed to the cross. The Lord Jesus after His crucifixion showed Himself alive to His disciples, appeared to them over a forty day period. After this the Lord Jesus ascended into heaven, and the Father caused Him to sit at His right hand in the Heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come, and put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him to be Head over all things to the Church.
- The Lord, before His incarnation, existed in the form of God, and of His own choice laid aside His divine glory and took upon himself the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men. In His pre-existent state, He was with God and was God. He is a divine person possessed of all the attributes of Deity, and should be worshipped as God by angels and man. “In Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” All the words that He spoke during His earthly life were the words of God. There is absolutely no error of any kind in them, and by the words of Jesus Christ the words of all other teachers must be tested.
- The Lord Jesus became in every respect a real man, possessing all of the essential characteristics of human nature.
- By His death on the cross, the Lord Jesus made a perfect atonement for sin, by which the wrath of God against sinners is appeased and the basis upon which God can deal in mercy with sinners. He redeemed

us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse in our place. He who Himself was absolutely without sin was made to be sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- The Lord Jesus is coming again to the earth, personally, bodily, and visibly. The return of our Lord is the blessed hope of the believer
- The Holy Spirit is a person, and possesses all the distinctively divine attributes. He is God.
- Man was created in the image of God, after His likeness, but the whole human race fell in the fall of the first Adam. All men, until they accept the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior, are lost, blinded in their understanding, alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, hardened in heart, morally and spiritually dead through their trespasses and sins. They cannot see, nor enter the kingdom of God until they are born again of the Holy Spirit.
- 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.
- God created and sanctioned marriage to bring together men and women, the complementary halves of humanity, by joining them in “one-flesh” unions. Marriage between one man and one woman for life uniquely reflects Christ’s relationship with His Church.
- God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female, and these distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God
- Men are justified on the simple and single ground of the shed blood of Christ and upon the simple and single condition of faith in Him who shed His blood, and are born again by the renewing, cleansing work of the Holy Spirit, through the instrument of the Word of God.
- All those who receive Jesus Christ as their Savior and their Lord, and who confess Him as such before their fellow men, become children of God and receive eternal life. They become heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ. At death their spirits depart to be with Christ in conscious blessedness, and at the second coming of Christ their bodies shall be raised and transformed into the likeness of the body of His

glory. (Confession before men is viewed as a tangible fruit of salvation and not a qualifying condition for salvation.)

- All those who persistently reject Jesus Christ in the present life shall be raised from the dead and throughout eternity exist in a state of conscious, unutterable, endless torment and anguish.
- The Church consists of all those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed through His blood, and are born again of the Holy Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the Church, which has been commissioned by Him to go into all the world as a witness, preaching the gospel to all nations
- There is a devil, a created being of great cunning and power. He can exert vast power only so far as God allows him to do so. He shall ultimately be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone and shall be tormented day and night forever.

Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct

The 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 sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Yakima Union Gospel Mission's (YUGM) faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our YUGM Board of Directors is the YUGM's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.