

## ARTICLE 3 – STATEMENT OF FAITH AND GOVERNING PRINCIPLES

### Principles

3.01. The NCHEA supports the Declaration of Independence and its fundamental doctrine that we owe our existence to the Creator who has endowed each of us with inalienable rights; and supports the United States Constitution as the instrument of securing those God-given rights.

3.02. The NCHEA supports Holy Scripture as providing the best code of moral conduct yet devised; the family as defined in Genesis 2:24, with certain rights and responsibilities, as the basic unit of society; and the laws and customs which protect or tend to protect the moral, social, and economic integrity of the family.

### Statement of Faith

3.03:

- We believe the Bible (the 66 Books of the Old and New Testaments) is the inspired and infallible Word of God and constitutes completed and final revelation. The Bible, in its original autograph, is without error in whole and in part, including theological concepts as well as geographical and historical details. We recognize the Bible as the ultimate and final authority on what is truth. The Bible and the Bible only is the sole rule of faith and practice for Christians. We believe that all theological beliefs must be judged by its truth, and whatsoever is not in full agreement with it is to be rejected.
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- We believe Jesus Christ, was born of a virgin, was God come in the flesh being fully God and fully man, yet without sin.<sup>1</sup>
- We believe all men are sinful, in violation of God's righteous requirements and His holy character both by nature and act; therefore, they are under His wrath and just condemnation. The central purpose of the coming of Jesus Christ was to pay the penalty for man's sin through His substitutionary death on the cross, the successful accomplishment of which was attested to by His subsequent visible, bodily resurrection<sup>1</sup>.
- Salvation is offered as a gift, free to the sinner. This gift must be responded to in individual faith, not trusting in any personal works whatsoever, but in the shed blood and sacrificial death of Jesus Christ alone.<sup>1</sup>

- We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful people, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost—they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- We believe Jesus Christ will literally come to earth again in the second advent.<sup>1</sup>
- We believe that marriage is between one man and one woman and is represented by a lifetime commitment between the two. We reject any alternative construction of marriage, including relationships between two men or two women as well as between multiple men and/or multiple women. We reject also any form of cohabiting sexual relationships, which take place outside the marital union.
- We believe that the proper structure of the family is one father and one mother, married and living in authority over their biological or adopted children, except in the case of a single parent or an adoptive parental figure.
- We believe that every person is born with a certain, biological and unchangeable gender. We reject any form of sexual orientation aside from the single, biological gender of each person from birth as well as the belief that sexual orientation is determined by the individual, his or her feelings, or the feelings of others.

#### Authority of Statement of Faith

3.04. The statement of faith is the governing authority over all decisions by staff and board members, as well as over all administration and activities of the Corporation.

#### Statement of Position

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Family. The family is the basic governmental, social, and spiritual unit created by God. In it the child gradually learns self-government, social relationships, and develops a relationship to the Creator and Savior. The family also provides protection from over-extensive government and over-stimulating social involvements.

<sup>1</sup>*Statement of Faith amended by Board of Directors 12-18-2021*