

A STATEMENT OF FAITH FOR MISSION MEADOWS

Mission Meadows is a facility that was founded to be a ministry of the Evangelical Covenant churches.

We believe that the Church of Christ is apostolic. We confess the historic faith of the apostles. We believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God, our Lord.

We believe we are part of the universal church of Jesus Christ which has been one from the days of His apostles up to the present. As part of that universal church, historically our roots are in mainstream sixteenth-century Protestant thought.

We believe in justification by grace alone through faith alone.

We believe that the Church, being singular and universal is a fellowship of persons who have experienced the reality of grace through faith. It is characterized by mutual participation in and sharing of the new life in Christ. Membership is by confession of personal faith in Christ. No one can be excluded on the basis of class, race, education, wealth or prestige. Within the church there will be diversity in creedal details. The one thing that is needed is that one be "born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).

We believe in the need for personal faith in Jesus Christ. In fact, we exist to assist adults and children in coming to personal faith and to enhance its growth. Jesus said, "Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). He also said, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:31-32).

We believe that freedom in Christ is what delivers us from the power of sin and moves us by his grace into a whole new experience of obedience and life. This freedom allows for differences of opinion in matters of interpretation, doctrine, and practice within the context of biblical guidelines and historical Christianity.

Attesting to personal faith in Christ, we believe in the centrality of the Scriptures as God's revelation of Himself to the human race. We believe the Old and New Testaments to be the authoritative Word of God and the only perfect rule for faith, doctrine, and conduct.

We believe the Holy Spirit, who with the Father and the Son, call the Church into being, empowers its witness, guides its mission, and supplies the needed gifts to exalt Christ to the Church and its members.

These statements represent the foundations of faith of Mission Meadows. They generate our desire to help people grow in grace and knowledge of God, waiting for that day when "the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 11:15).