

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

Northeast Taiwan Christian Association (NETCA) is a collaborative ministry partnering with evangelically like-minded individuals, churches, and organizations from varied and diverse backgrounds whose common concern is to live and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ among all nations and peoples, seeking holiness, justice, and transformation at every level: individual, family, community, and culture. As such, we work together in unity on the basis of essential doctrines as found in this Statement of Faith\*.

While there has historically been general agreement among all true followers of Christ on these essential doctrines, NETCA acknowledges and accepts differing points of view in secondary matters not addressed by our Statement of Faith provided they are based upon the Bible alone as supreme authority, and that no interpretation or practice will undermine the work of the gospel or the unity among those with whom we serve. We seek to live, work, serve, and relate to one another in a spirit of love and humility so that God may be glorified above all.

### We believe in:

- ❖ **The Holy Scriptures** as originally given by God, divinely inspired, infallible, and entirely trustworthy; the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct; and the sole basis of our beliefs. The Bible is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.
- ❖ **One God**, eternally existent (without beginning and without end), who has revealed Himself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, each with distinct personal attributes but without any division of nature, essence, or being.
- ❖ **Our Lord Jesus Christ**, God manifest in the flesh, His virgin birth, His sinless human life, His divine miracles, His vicarious and atoning death on the cross, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, His mediatorial work, and His personal, imminent, and visible return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission.
- ❖ **The Salvation** of lost and sinful man through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ by faith apart from works, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit. Only through faith in Jesus Christ and His redemptive work on the cross can there be reconciliation between God and mankind.
- ❖ **The Holy Spirit** convicts us of sin; draws sinners to Christ; regenerates those who repent and believe; transforms believers into the image of Christ through sanctification; bestows and distributes spiritual gifts to each believer according to His divine will and purpose; and indwells, instructs, guides, equips, and empowers believers for godly living and service.
- ❖ **The Unity of the Spirit** of all genuine believers, the Church, the Body of Christ.
- ❖ **The Resurrection** of both the saved and the lost; those who are saved unto the resurrection of eternal life with God, and those who are lost unto the resurrection of eternal condemnation and punishment apart from God.