WYONG CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Statement of Faith

GOD

There is one God and He is sovereign and eternal. He is revealed in the Bible as three equal divine Persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit (John 14:16-20). God depends on nothing and no one; everything and everyone depends on Him. God is holy, just, wise, loving and good.

God created all things by His own sovereign will, and by His Word they are sustained and controlled (Genesis 1).

God is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is also Father of all whom He has adopted as His children. Because of God's faithfulness and His fatherly concern, nothing can separate His children from His love and care (Ephesians 3:17-18).

The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternally existing, only begotten Son of the Father. He is the Creator and Sustainer of all things. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, truly God and truly man (Matthew 1:18-21). He lived a sinless life and died in our place. He was buried, rose from the dead in bodily form and ascended to heaven. Jesus is King of the universe and Head of the Church, His people whom He has redeemed. He will return to gather His people to Himself, to judge all people and bring in the consummation of God's Kingdom (Matthew 25:31-46).

The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son, and is equally divine, and worthy of worship and praise. Present and active from creation, the Spirit spoke through the prophets and continues to bring life and renewal to all that God has made. The Spirit convicts people of their sin, leads them to repentance, creates faith within them and gives them a desire to become more Christlike. He is the source of their new sanctified life bringing forth His fruit in the life of believers. He gifts believers according to His sovereign will, enabling them to serve the Lord and others (Romans 12:6-8).

THE BIBLE

The Bible, which is comprised of the books of the Old and New Testaments, is the inspired, inerrant and infallible Word of God, and the only absolute guide for all faith and conduct. It is

indispensable and determinative for our knowledge of God, of ourselves and of the rest of creation (2 Timothy 3:16).

THE CHURCH

The church is the spiritual family of all believers and plays a central role in God's redemptive purposes. The church is called to make disciples of all nations, to embody the love of Christ, and to offer teaching, worship, opportunities for Christian service and community for people of all ages and life stages (Matthew 28:18-10).

Disciples are called to active participation in a local church and to use their gifts for the growth of God's Kingdom (Hebrews 10:24-25).

We believe there are two ordinances encouraged by the Lord Jesus Christ – Baptism (Acts 2:38-39) and the Lord's Supper (Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25).

THE FAMILY

Marriage is a covenantal union created by God as the foundation for a life-long faithful union of a man and a woman (Matthew 19:4-6). It was established by God for love, companionship, faithfulness and the flourishing of community. It is the context for procreation and the raising of children. In the biblical witness, marriage between a man and a woman is lifted up as a sign of God's covenant love, reflecting the relationship between Christ and his Church. Marital faithfulness reflects God's own covenant faithfulness. Sexual activity outside marriage is counter to God's intention for us as a people. Christians are called to live in ways that honour the body, uphold loving commitment, and pursue holiness in all relationships. In this we seek not just to obey commands, but to bear witness to the love, grace, and integrity at the heart of God's own nature (Genesis 2:23-25; Ephesians 5:22-32; Hebrews 13:4).

God has given families as a vital context for love, nurture and the moral and spiritual formation of children. Parents and caregivers are entrusted with the primary responsibility of raising children in ways that cultivate wisdom, compassion and faith. They should diligently teach them the truth of God's Word.

God calls some people to marriage, and some to a single state: one is not inferior or superior to another, and both are honoured in Scripture as vocations of dignity, calling, and faithful witness.

THE WORLD

Civil government exists to uphold justice, maintain order, and promote the common good. While each area of human life—family, church, and government—has its own purpose, they are called to work in mutual respect, seeking together the flourishing of individuals and society (Romans 13:1-4; 1 Peter 2:13-17).

Out of gratitude for God's grace and in dependence on the Holy Spirit, God's people are called to live lives worthy of their calling in love and unity and in obedience to God in all spheres of life. They are responsible to ensure that the gospel is faithfully proclaimed (Matthew 5:14-16).

SIN, SALVATION & JUDGEMENT

Adam and Eve, the parents of all humankind were created in the image and likeness of God to worship their Creator by loving and serving Him and by exercising dominion under God's rule by inhabiting, possessing, ruling, caring for and enjoying God's creation. Consequently, the purpose of human existence is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever (Westminster catechism).

Sin entered the world through Adam's disobedience because of which all people are alienated from God and each other and as a result, they and all creation are under God's judgement.

All people have sinned and if outside of Christ, are in a fallen, sinful, lost condition, helpless to save themselves, and subject to the judgement of God. We believe embracing Jesus' teaching brings meaning, purpose, fulfilment and hope (Romans 5:12-21).

God holds each person responsible and accountable for choices made and actions pursued. Human responsibility and accountability do not limit God's sovereignty. God's sovereignty does not diminish human responsibility and accountability.

Salvation from the penalty of sin is found only through the atoning death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have redemption through Jesus. As the sinless One, He took upon Himself the just punishment for our sins (Ephesians 1:3-10).

Through His death and resurrection, the Lord Jesus has secured victory over Satan and offers restoration and eternal life to all who embrace Him as Lord (2 Timothy 1:9-10).

A detailed commentary on Wyong Christian Community School's Statement of Faith has been prepared for staff seeking further insight into any section. This commentary is provided as a supplementary document to accompany the Statement of Faith.