

WELLSPRING CHURCH CONSTITUTION  
ARTICLE II  
Statement of Our Faith

- A. THE WORD OF GOD We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- B. THE TRINITY We believe that there is one loving and true God, eternally existing in three persons; that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence, and redemption.
- C. GOD THE FATHER We believe in God, the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of humankind, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.
- D. JESUS CHRIST We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth.
- E. THE HOLY SPIRIT We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher, and guide. We believe that the Holy Spirit gives ministry gifts to every believer and collectively to the Body. We believe all Christians are to seek the ongoing fullness of the Spirit in their lives.
- F. SALVATION We believe that all are sinners by nature and by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit.
- G. THE CHURCH We believe in the universal church, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and all believers are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible profession of faith, and associated for worship, work, and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary task of giving the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world.
- H. CHRISTIAN CONDUCT We believe that a Christian should live for the glory of God and the well being of all; that Christians should be blameless before the world; that they

should be faithful stewards of their possessions; and that they should seek to realize for themselves and others the full stature of maturity in Christ.

- I. THE SACRAMENTS We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. These sacraments become means of receiving God's grace when entered into by faith. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer into water in the name of the triune God. It is an external dramatic witness of an internal spiritual reality – namely forgiveness and new life in Christ. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for commemoration of His death and a celebration of the salvation He brings. We believe that these two sacraments should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- J. RELIGIOUS LIBERTY We believe that every human being has direct relations with God, and is ultimately responsible to God in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority. We believe that God has ordained both the church and the state and that each best fulfills their separate roles when free from dictation or patronage of the other.
- K. HUMAN SEXUALITY We believe that God created humanity “male and female” and in the full and equal partnership of the genders God's image is most fully portrayed. We believe that gender is determined genetically at conception, when life begins and is not an arbitrary construct of either society or the self. We believe that marriage is the covenantal union of one man and one woman for life and that God designed marriage as the proper arena for sexual relations.
- L. CHURCH COOPERATION We believe that the local church can promote the cause of Jesus Christ by cooperating with other churches. This cooperation takes two expressions – functional unity with the regional Body of Christ and formal affiliation with denominational organizations and other national or international networks within the Body of Christ. Such affiliations are based on mutual trust and cooperation and are voluntary.
- M. THE LAST THINGS We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His Kingdom. As we await his return we affirm the reality of the spiritual conflict between the Kingdom of God and dominion of darkness. Further we affirm the authority that is given to the believer to stand firm and claim the victory that has been won by Jesus Christ and to advance his Kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal blessedness of the redeemed, and the endless suffering of the lost.