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A Statement of Personal Faith  
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I believe in the one true God who is revealed in Jesus Christ, made known to us in the Word of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. We were created in God's image and are called to be stewards of God's creation, the heavens and the earth. As a steward of God's creation and learning from Christ's example, I endeavor to love all of God's people and to strive for justice and peace in the world, serving alongside sisters and brothers of the faith.

In spite of our sinful nature that is often disobedient and prideful, God continues to love us and pursue us with lovingkindness and mercy. It is only through God's immense love for us and God's freely offered grace that we are saved. This grace was expressed through the birth, death, and resurrection of God's only Son, Jesus Christ, who was fully God and fully human. I know I cannot earn my salvation because it is through grace alone that I am saved. I trust that when I accepted God's freely offered grace through faith in Jesus Christ as my Savior, I was given eternal life.

I believe that Holy Scripture is the inspired Word of God that reveals the true and living God, giving evidence of God's constant and abiding love, and of the life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we study the Word of God, it becomes known to us through the work of the Holy Spirit, who abides in us as our comforter and one who guides us in the truth. I also trust in the confessions of the church as further explanations of how God's Word informs our lives.

Through examination of the Scriptures, I understand that there are two Sacraments instituted by God through the example of Jesus: that of Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. I consider these to be signs of the real presence and the power of Jesus Christ. I understand that the use of water in Baptism is a sign and seal that God cleanses us from sin, and receives us into the family of God. The Lord's Supper reconciles and unites all of us as we "Do this in remembrance of Him" and should be celebrated on a regular basis.

I know that God cherishes all of God's people, regardless of age, sex, ethnicity marital condition, or stations in life, and I believe all are welcome to be part of this diverse Body of Christ. It is my privilege to strive for reconciliation in the world and to live my life examining and learning from the Word of God in such a way that others can see the love of Christ in me. With great joy and humility, I consider my chief end in life is to glorify God and enjoy God forever.