

STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. The name of the Society is "COQUITLAM CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH".
2. The purposes of the Society are as follows:
 - (a) To establish and maintain a separate testimony to our Lord Jesus Christ;
 - (b) To edify the saved and equip the members to aggressively evangelize the lost;
 - (c) To provide a centre for worship and Christian fellowship by maintaining Sunday and other services;
 - (d) To employ, send out and direct Christian missionaries to preach the Gospel;
 - (e) To evangelize through print, radio, television and other media; and
 - (f) To receive, acquire and hold donations, devises and bequests.
3. The Society is unswervingly committed to the following statements of faith:

A. Scripture

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the plenarily and verbally inspired Word of God, the supreme and final authority for faith and life, inerrant in the original writings, infallible and God-breathed.

B. Trinity

We believe in one Triune God, eternally existing in three persons -Father, Son and Holy Spirit - co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfection.

C. Jesus Christ

- (a) We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, having being

conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men.

- (b) We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a representative, substitutionary sacrifice; and that our justification is made sure by His literal physical resurrection from the dead.
- (c) We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God, where, as our High Priest, He fulfils the ministry of Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate.

D. Holy Spirit

- (a) We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and that He is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption.
- (b) We believe that He is the Divine Teacher who guides believers into all truth; and that it is the privilege and duty of all the saved to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

E. Man

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God; and that man is totally depraved of himself and utterly unable to remedy his lost condition.

F. Salvation

- (a) We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins.
- (b) We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever.

G. Satan

We believe that Satan is a person, the author of sin and the cause of the fall; that he is the open and declared enemy of God and man; and that he shall be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire.

H. Resurrection

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead and judgment of all; the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into everlasting life.

I. Second Coming

We believe that the personal and imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ is the blessed hope of the church.

J. Baptism

We believe that the ordinance of baptism is the immersion of the believer in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit by a person authorized by the Society. It shows forth the believer's union with the crucified, buried and risen Christ, and His death to sin and resurrection to a new life.

K. Lord's Supper

We believe that the Lord's Supper is an ordinance to commemorate the death of Christ. The elements are symbolic of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus who died upon the cross.

L. Society

- (a) We believe that the church is a spiritual organization made up of born-again persons.
- (b) We believe that the New Testament church is an autonomous body of baptized believers voluntarily banded together for worship and service of God, recognizing the need for mutual counsel and co-operation with other bodies of like faith.

4. The covenants of the Society are as follows:

- (a) Having being led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.
- (b) We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of the Society in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the Society, the relief of the poor, and the spread of Gospel throughout all nations. We also engage to maintain family and private devotions; to educate our children religiously; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectively in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour. We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure such reconciliation without delay.
- (c) We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

5. The Society is an independent and non-profit organization.
6. The Society may, with its own funds or by gifts, acquire and own by purchase, lease or otherwise, such real and personal property as may be necessary for realizing the objects of the Society, pursuant to the constitution of the Society, and may with its own funds build churches or parsonages or other buildings as may be necessary for the purposes of the Society. The title to all properties, both real and personal, shall be vested in the organization to the Society.
7. The operations of the Society are to be chiefly carried on in and around the municipalities of Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody and Maple Ridge.
8. The activities and purposes of the Society shall be carried on without purpose to gain for its members and any income, profits or other accretions to the Society shall be used in promoting its objects.
9. The purposes of the Society shall be carried on a charitable basis in accordance with the laws of Canada in force and amended from time to time including any laws that apply to and govern the conduct and affairs of a Registered Charity under the Income Tax Act of Canada.
10. In the event of winding up or dissolution of the Society, the funds and assets of the Society, remaining after the satisfaction of its debts and liabilities, shall be given or transferred to the Vancouver Chinese Baptist Church and if effect cannot be given to the aforesaid provision, then such funds shall be given or transferred to an organization promoting the same purposes as the Society as may be determined by a special business meeting of the members of the Society requiring a quorum of no less than seventy-five (75%) percent of the membership of the Society and passed by a majority being three-fourths of those voting, held at the time of winding up or dissolution, provided however that such organization referred to in this paragraph shall be a charitable organization recognized by the Department of National Revenue as being qualified as such under the provisions of the Income Tax Act of

Canada in force and as amended from time to time.

11. The English version of the Constitution shall be the official version.
12. The provisions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the Constitution are unalterable in accordance with the Society Act of British Columbia in force and as amended from time to time.