

1 I believe...

2 in a benevolent Creator that transcends all description, yet we may call upon Him in
3 personal familiarity as Father.

4 that God has set us apart from the rest of creation and endowed humankind with
5 certain gifts including reason along with the knowledge of good and evil.

6 we are intended to use these gifts to better ourselves and the world around us, for the
7 greater glory of God and not for individual gain.

8 in Jesus of Nazareth as God Incarnate/Absolute Paradox/New Being and particular
9 manifestation of the divine in history as revealed in Scripture.

10 he was born of the material world and that his sacrifice was necessary to impute
11 guiltlessness on fallen humanity.

12 his sacrifice on the cross was sufficient for all in terms of atonement, while
13 acknowledging that not everyone will respond to the Gospel message.

14 in our resurrected Messiah and his triumph over death, the enduring mystery of faith.

15 in the Holy Spirit or continuing revelation of God in the present, that it illuminates our
16 minds and influences our actions.

17 that we cannot ever hope to attain salvation on our own, and for that reason it dwells
18 within us to act as our guide.

19 it is the lens through which Scripture is rightly interpreted and what makes the ancient
20 text relevant to our present circumstances.

21 that Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are three aspects of the triune God, coexistent and
22 coequal forms of the divine being.

23 ultimate truth exists; creeds are essential for placing boundaries on what constitutes
24 orthodoxy, but no single expression of faith has a full understanding of it.

25 in one church that unites all Christians while also recognizing the extent to which it is
26 capable of reflecting the diversity of human experience through cultural adaptation.

27 its mission is to enact the Kingdom of God on earth by caring for each other, not only in
28 terms of material comfort, but also in the health of our collective souls.

29 the sacraments of baptism and communion serve as potent symbols of divine grace, a
30 badge of membership in the body of Christ, and the promise of future redemption.

31 that in the fullness of time sinful humanity will be reconciled to God, transcending our
32 self-imposed alienation while simultaneously restoring our true nature.