

1 I believe in the Trinity, made up of God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy
2 Spirit. They are three in one; where one is all three are. While the internal life of the
3 Trinity is a mystery, we have some trace of it by the creating, redeeming, and sustaining
4 actions of the Trinity done on behalf of all creation. God is goodness, truth, and beauty. I
5 believe that God created the universe and all that is in it. As Lord of all creation, God is
6 sovereign and providential. Humans bear the image and likeness of God through their
7 rational and social nature. Regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation,
8 relationship status, or ability, all are loved by God, and all can use their unique gifts to
9 praise and glorify God and serve others. The rest of creation, as God's divine work,
10 reflects God's grandeur, bears witness to God's abiding goodness, and ought to be
11 respected, cared for and preserved.

12 Jesus is the incarnate second person of the Trinity. He was born of the Virgin
13 Mary and is fully human and fully divine- two natures in one divine person. Through
14 Christ's incarnation, ministry of love, death on the cross and resurrection, he reconciled
15 all of creation to God and to each other. His example of holiness and solidarity continues
16 to inspire his followers to ally themselves with the marginalized and forgotten in society,
17 to provide for bodily and spiritual needs, and to risk persecution for the sake of the
18 inbreaking of God's kingdom. He was raised three days later and appeared to his
19 disciples, encouraging them to continue his ministry. Christ's resurrection is a harbinger
20 of the general resurrection when all creation will be renewed, and peace will reign. He
21 then ascended into heaven and sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

22 The Holy Spirit empowers Christians to do God's work while on earth. The Holy
23 Spirit is the third member of the Trinity and is present with us here and now. The Church
24 is made up of all Christians in all times and places and is Christ's body and representative
25 on earth. The Church is led by Christ and held together by the Holy Spirit. Scripture, as
26 a whole, gives expression to God's relationship with humanity, and proclaims the
27 everlasting and irrevocable covenant with the Jewish people, through which all the
28 nations of the world will be blessed. I believe that the gospel includes the good news of
29 Christ's eternal salvation, but also that there is hope for peace in this world. Scripture has
30 a surplus of meaning, and interpretation of Scripture is led by the Holy Spirit for the
31 particular community and in concord with tradition and reason. The people of the Church
32 proclaim the coming Kingdom of God by showing God's love to the world through acts
33 of justice, peace building, and reconciliation. Christians relate to the world through open
34 engagement, not by isolating themselves into Christian enclaves; by having a willingness
35 to have our ideas stretched as we encounter new contexts; and by trusting that God is
36 with us and leads us through all situations.

37 Humanity is reminded of God's love for them through the sacraments. The
38 sacrament of baptism is a sign and seal of God's election of individuals from before the
39 beginning of time through God's free and radical grace. In the celebration of the Lord's
40 Supper, Christ is spiritually present in the wine/grape juice and bread. The sacrament
41 calls the congregation to remember the cross and strengthens and encourages them to
42 continue Christ's ministry in the world.