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You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:5

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## **STATEMENT OF FAITH & WHAT WE BELIEVE**

(as copied from constitution)

### **Objects of the CPFC are**

- a) To ***preach the gospel of Jesus Christ***, to bring people to Jesus and membership in His body.
- b) To provide a fellowship for the worship of Almighty God. In teaching of the Christian faith, and administer the Ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
- c) To engage in a missions program which will include, but not be limited to:
  - (i) Training pastors, spiritual leaders and lay leaders in biblical preaching and church ministry.
  - (ii) To equip the above in skills of church mission
  - (iii) To empower the above through training in Christian leadership.
  - (iv) To provide resources to the above, i.e. practical ministry tools. e.g. books etc.
  - (v) To plant churches within Botswana, which will relate to the Society. This relationship is defined in the by-laws.
  - (vi) The Society shall not concern itself with any political issues.

In furtherance of the above objects, the Society will:

- a) Meet together regularly for worship, prayer and discipleship
- b) Arrange study groups and training seminars to meet the above objectives.
- c) Encourage the publication of writings by members of the Society to serve as resource material to meet the above objectives.
- d) Receive regular donations by its members and include bequests, endowments and benefits of any nature from any source whatsoever to be used for the advancement of the Society's objects; and
- e) May engage in any other activities as may be considered necessary or expedient in the furtherance of the interests of the Society and the objects for which it was formed.

### **Statement of Faith**

- a) We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments in their original writing as fully inspired of God and accept them as the supreme and final authority for faith and life.
- b) We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- c) We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man.
- d) We believe that God created man in His own image; that man sinned and thereby incurred the penalty of death, physically and spiritual; that all human beings inherit a sinful nature which issues ( in the case of those who reach moral responsibility) in actual transgression involving personal guilt.
- e) We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, a substitutionary sacrifice according to the Scriptures, and that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood.

#### **Crosspoint Family Church Executive Members:**

**Chairperson** - Mr William Crosbie; **Vice Chairperson** - Mr Piet Blanken; **Treasurer** – Mr Sudhir Kantimahanti.; **Secretary** – Mrs Sally Leppan; **Assistant Sec.** – Mrs Jumoke Sindaza; **Additional Members** – Mrs Johanette Pretorius, Mr Mubita Luwabelwa

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- f) We believe in the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus, His ascension into heaven, and His present life as our High Priest and Advocate.
- g) We believe in the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- h) We believe that all who receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.
- i) We believe in the resurrection both of the just and the unjust, the eternal blessedness of the redeemed and the eternal banishment of those who have rejected the offer of salvation.
- j) We believe that the one true Church is the whole company of those who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ and regenerated by the Holy Spirit; that the local Church on earth should take its character from this conception of the Church spiritual, and therefore that the new birth and personal confession of Christ are essentials of Church membership.
- k) We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ appointed two ordinances – Baptism and the Lord’s Supper – to be observed as acts of obedience and as perpetual witnesses to the cardinal facts of the Christian faith; that Baptism is the immersion of the believer in water as a confession of identification with Christ in burial and resurrection, and that the Lord’s Supper is the partaking of bread and wine as symbols of the Saviour’s broken body and shed blood, in remembrance of His sacrificial death until He comes.
- l) We believe that God has ordained marriage as a heterosexual relationship between a natural man and a natural woman.

### **Distinctive Baptist Belief Emphases**

- a) The **CHURCH** as the whole company of those who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ and regenerated by the Holy Spirit. The local church, being a manifestation of the universal church, is a community of believers in a particular place where the Word of God is preached and the ordinances of Believer’s Baptism and the Lord’s Supper are observed. It is fully autonomous and remains so notwithstanding responsibilities it may accept by voluntary association.
- b) **BELIEVER’S BAPTISM** as an act of obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ and a sign of personal repentance, faith and regeneration; it consists of the immersion in water into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- c) The **CONGREGATIONAL PRINCIPLE**, namely that each member has the privilege and responsibility to use his/her gifts and abilities to participate fully in the life of the church. We recognise that God gifts His Church with Overseers (who are called Pastors or Elders) whose primary function is to lead in a spirit of servanthood, to equip and provide spiritual oversight, and Deacons whose primary function is to facilitate the smooth functioning of the Church. This principle further recognises that each member should participate in the appointment of the church’s leaders, and that a constituted church meeting, subject to the direct Lordship of Jesus Christ and the authority of Scripture, is the highest court of authority for the local church.
- d) The **PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS**, by which we understand that each Christian has direct access to God through Christ our High Priest, and shared with Him in His work of reconciliation. This involves intercession, worship, faithful service and bearing witness to Jesus Christ even to the ends of the earth
- e) The principle of **RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**, namely, that no individual should be coerced either by the State or by any secular, ecclesiastical or religious group in matters of faith. The right of private conscience is to be respected. For each believer this means the right to interpret the Scriptures responsibly and to act in the light of his conscience.

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- f) The principle of **SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE** in that, in the providence of God the two differ in their respective natures and functions. The Church is not to be identified with the State nor is it, in its faith or practice, to be directed or controlled by the State. The State is responsible for administering justice ensuring an orderly community, and promoting the welfare of its citizens. The Church is responsible for preaching the Gospel and for demonstrating and making known God's will and care for all mankind.

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