# Foundational Document for

# **Statement of Faith**

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# STATEMENT OF FAITH

At Global Leadership Academy, we are dedicated to teaching the full gospel of Jesus Christ, focusing on core truths that guide our students to salvation and spiritual maturity. We prioritize foundational teachings over theological debates, empowering our students to explore and grow in their faith independently.

# Based on our Biblical understanding, we believe:

#### THE BIBLE

We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, in their original writing, as fully inspired by God and accept them as the supreme and final authority for faith, life, and the governance of this Church.

"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16)

#### GOD

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

### **JESUS CHRIST**

We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and is true God and true man.

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

# **HUMANITY, SIN, AND DEATH**

We believe that God created man in His own image; that man sinned and thereby incurred the penalty of sin, which is death—both physical and spiritual. All human beings inherit a sinful nature, which leads to personal transgression and guilt.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

# **IDENTITY**

We believe that God created man in His own image, male and female (Genesis 1:27). The biological/chromosomal sex of a person means the biological condition of being male or female as determined at birth.

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27)

#### **FORGIVENESS**

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins as a substitutionary sacrifice according to the Scriptures, and that all who believe in Him are justified by His shed blood. "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace." (Ephesians 1:7)

#### **NEW LIFE**

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus, His ascension into Heaven, and His present life as our High Priest and Advocate.

"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." (Matthew 28:6)

"After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God." (Mark 16:19)

# **VICTORIOUS RETURN**

We believe in the personal, bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first." (1 Thessalonians 4:16)

#### **SALVATION**

We believe that all who repent of their sin and receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are born again of the Holy Spirit and become children of God.

"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." (John 1:12)

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8)

# THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, empowering and equipping believers for service, accompanied by the supernatural gifts of the Spirit. We also believe in fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses." (Acts 1:8)

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them." (1 Corinthians 12:4)

#### **MINISTRY**

We believe in the divinely ordained ministries of Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher.

"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." (Ephesians 4:11-12)

#### **ETERNITY**

We believe in the resurrection of both the just and the unjust—the eternal blessedness of the redeemed and the eternal banishment of those who reject salvation.

"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." (Matthew 25:46)

#### MARRIAGE

We believe in and subscribe to the biblical principle of heterosexual relationships between one man and one woman, and that this is the only marriage relationship that constitutes holy matrimony.

"That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh." (Genesis 2:24)

#### THE CHURCH

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. The local church should reflect this, with personal confession of Christ as an essential of church membership.

"For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body." (1 Corinthians 12:13)
"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

#### **HEALING**

We believe that divine healing was provided in the Old Testament and is an integral part of the Gospel.

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds, you have been healed." (1 Peter 2:24)

#### **HOLINESS**

We believe that without holiness, no one can see the Lord.

"Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord." (Hebrews 12:14)

#### **CHRIST-LIKENESS**

We believe sanctification is both a definite and progressive work of grace, beginning at the new birth and continuing throughout the believer's life.

"But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do." (1 Peter 1:15)

"And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory." (2 Corinthians 3:18)

#### **REVELATION**

We believe the Church is open to any further truth illuminated by the Holy Spirit from the Scriptures.

"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth." (John 16:13)

#### PERSONAL AFFIRMATION

As an employee of Global Leadership Academy, I affirm that I believe and live by the Statement of Faith as outlined above.

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