

Swedish Evangelical Free Church (1884)	Norwegian-Danish Evangelical Free Church Association (1912)	Swedish Evangelical Free Church Ministerial Association (1947)	EFCA Statement of Faith 1950	EFCA Statement of Faith 2008	EFCA Statement of Faith 2019
	<p>2. We believe in the triune God: <u>Father, Son and Holy Spirit</u>, one God in three persons, in accordance with the apostolic faith.</p>	<p>2. We believe in one God, creator of all things, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in three persons, <u>Father, Son and Holy Spirit</u>.</p>	<p>2. We believe in one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, <u>Father, Son and Holy Ghost</u>.</p>	<p><i>God</i> 1. We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of <u>three</u> equally divine Persons; the <u>Father</u>, the <u>Son</u> and the <u>Holy Spirit</u>. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.</p>	<p><i>God</i> 1. We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of <u>three</u> equally divine Persons; the <u>Father</u>, the <u>Son</u> and the <u>Holy Spirit</u>. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.</p>
<p>This organization accepts the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, as the Word of God, containing the Gospel of salvation for all men and the only perfect rule for teaching, faith and life.</p>	<p>1. We believe, that the Bible, the <u>Old and New Testament</u>, is the only infallible rule and guide for <u>faith, life</u>, and doctrine.</p>	<p>1. We believe the Scriptures, both <u>Old and New Testaments</u>, to be the <u>inspired Word of God without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men, and the Divine and final authority</u> for Christian faith and life.</p>	<p>1. We believe the scriptures, both <u>Old and New Testaments</u>, to be the <u>inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men, and the Divine and final authority</u> for all Christian faith and life.</p>	<p><i>The Bible</i> 2. We believe that God has spoken in <u>the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments</u>, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is <u>without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation</u>, and the ultimate <u>authority</u> by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.</p>	<p><i>The Bible</i> 2. We believe that God has spoken in <u>the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments</u>, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is <u>without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation</u>, and the ultimate <u>authority</u> by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.</p>
	<p>3. We believe that all men by nature are sinners, aliens and strangers to God, and as a result thereof under condemnation.</p>	<p>5. We believe that man was created <u>in the image</u> of God but fell into <u>sin</u> and is therefore lost, and <u>only</u> through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained.</p>	<p>5. We believe that man was created <u>in the image</u> of God but fell into <u>sin</u> and is therefore lost and <u>only</u> through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained.</p>	<p><i>The Human Condition</i> 3. We believe that God created Adam and Eve <u>in His image</u>, but they <u>sinned</u> when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. <u>Only</u> through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.</p>	<p><i>The Human Condition</i> 3. We believe that God created Adam and Eve <u>in His image</u>, but they <u>sinned</u> when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. <u>Only</u> through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.</p>
		<p>3. We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and <u>man</u>, having been conceived of the Holy Ghost and <u>born of the Virgin Mary</u>. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. Further, <u>He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven</u>, where, <u>at the right hand of the Majesty on High</u>, He now is <u>our High Priest and Advocate</u>.</p>	<p>3. We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true <u>man</u>, having been conceived of the Holy Ghost and <u>born of the Virgin Mary</u>. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. Further, <u>He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven</u>, where <u>at the right hand of the Majesty on High</u>, He now is <u>our High Priest and Advocate</u>.</p>	<p><i>Jesus Christ</i> 4. We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully <u>man</u>, one Person in two natures. Jesus—Israel's promised Messiah—was <u>conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary</u>. <u>He</u> lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, <u>arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven</u> and sits <u>at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate</u>.</p>	<p><i>Jesus Christ</i> 4. We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully <u>man</u>, one Person in two natures. Jesus—Israel's promised Messiah—was <u>conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary</u>. <u>He</u> lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, <u>arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven</u> and sits <u>at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate</u>.</p>
	<p>4. We believe that Jesus Christ gave Himself as a Redeemer for all</p>	<p>6. We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His <u>resurrection</u></p>	<p>6. We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His <u>resurrection</u></p>	<p><i>The Work of Christ</i> 5. We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, <u>shed His blood on the cross as the</u></p>	<p><i>The Work of Christ</i> 5. We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, <u>shed His blood on the cross as the</u></p>

	<p>mankind, and those who repent from their sins and believe on Him shall be granted forgiveness and be adopted as children of God.</p> <p>5. We believe that as many as by faith receive Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord are born again and are given the witness of the Holy Spirit, and become children and heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ.</p>	<p>provide <u>the only ground</u> for the <u>salvation</u> and justification of all who believe, and that only such as receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit, and thus become the children of God.</p>	<p>provides <u>the only ground of</u> justification and <u>salvation</u> for all who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit, and thus become the children of God.</p>	<p>perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious <u>resurrection</u> constitute <u>the only ground</u> for salvation.</p>	<p>perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious <u>resurrection</u> constitute <u>the only ground</u> for salvation.</p>
		<p>4. <u>We believe that</u> the ministry of <u>the Holy Spirit</u> is to <u>glorify the Lord Jesus Christ</u>, and during this age to <u>convict</u> men of sin, <u>regenerate</u> the <u>unbelieving sinner</u>, <u>indwell</u>, <u>guide</u>, instruct and <u>empower the believer</u> for godly <u>living and service</u>.</p>	<p>4. <u>We believe that</u> the ministry of <u>the Holy Spirit</u> is to <u>glorify the Lord Jesus Christ</u>, and during this age to <u>convict</u> men, <u>regenerate</u> the <u>believing sinner</u>, <u>indwell</u>, <u>guide</u>, instruct and <u>empower the believer</u> for godly <u>living and service</u>.</p>	<p><i>The Holy Spirit</i> 6. <u>We believe that the Holy Spirit</u>, in all that He does, <u>glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ</u>. He <u>convicts</u> the world of its guilt. He <u>regenerates sinners</u>, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also <u>indwells</u>, illuminates, <u>guides</u>, equips and <u>empowers believers</u> for Christ-like <u>living and service</u>.</p>	<p><i>The Holy Spirit</i> 6. <u>We believe that the Holy Spirit</u>, in all that He does, <u>glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ</u>. He <u>convicts</u> the world of its guilt. He <u>regenerates sinners</u>, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also <u>indwells</u>, illuminates, <u>guides</u>, equips and <u>empowers believers</u> for Christ-like <u>living and service</u>.</p>
	<p>6. <u>We believe that</u> Christian <u>churches</u> should be organized in conformity with the teachings of the New Testament, and only those who have the witness of the <u>Holy Spirit</u> that they are children of God, and live accordingly, should be considered eligible to church membership.</p> <p>7. <u>We believe</u> that Jesus Christ is the Lord and head of the Church, and that every local church has the right, under Christ, to decide and govern its own affairs.</p> <p>8. <u>We believe that</u> the Lord has given His Church two sacraments: <u>baptism and communion</u>. (1) Baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. <i>Freedom of conscience is given as to age and mode.</i> (2) Communion should be administered only to true believers, in accordance with the Word of God.</p>	<p>9. <u>We believe that the true church</u> is composed of <u>all</u> such persons, <u>who, through</u> saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by <u>the Holy Spirit</u> and are <u>united together in the body</u> of Christ of which He is the <u>head</u>.</p> <p>10. <u>We believe that</u> water <u>baptism and the Lord's Supper</u> are <u>ordinances</u> to be observed by the Church during the present age. <u>They are</u>, however, <u>not</u> to be regarded as <u>means of salvation</u>. [Article 10 was adopted as an amendment in 1950.]</p>	<p>8. <u>We believe that the true Church</u> is composed of <u>all</u> such persons <u>who through</u> saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by <u>the Holy Spirit</u> and are <u>united together in the body</u> of Christ of which He is the <u>head</u>.</p> <p>9. <u>We believe</u> that <u>only</u> those who are thus members of the true Church shall be eligible for membership in the local church.</p> <p>10. <u>We believe</u> that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church, and that every local church has the right under Christ to decide and govern its own affairs.</p> <p>7. <u>We believe that</u> water <u>baptism and the Lord's Supper</u> are <u>ordinances</u> to be observed by the Church during the present age. <u>They are</u>, however, <u>not</u> to be regarded as <u>means of salvation</u>.</p>	<p><i>The Church</i> 7. <u>We believe that the true church</u> comprises <u>all who</u> have been justified by God's grace <u>through faith alone in Christ</u> alone. They are <u>united by the Holy Spirit in the body</u> of Christ, of which He is the <u>Head</u>. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed <u>only</u> of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two <u>ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper</u>, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are <u>not the means of salvation</u>, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.</p>	<p><i>The Church</i> 7. <u>We believe that the true church</u> comprises <u>all who</u> have been justified by God's grace <u>through faith alone in Christ</u> alone. They are <u>united by the Holy Spirit in the body</u> of Christ, of which He is the <u>Head</u>. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed <u>only</u> of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two <u>ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper</u>, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are <u>not the means of salvation</u>, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.</p>
	<p>12. We believe that the sole duty of the Christian Church is to proclaim the Gospel to the whole world, and to assist charitable institutions, to work for righteousness and</p>			<p><i>Christian Living</i> 8. We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially,</p>	<p><i>Christian Living</i> 8. We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially,</p>

	temperance, for unity and cooperation with all believers, and for peace among all people and nations on the whole earth.			and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.	and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.
	9. We believe that Jesus Christ who ascended into heaven, shall come again in great power and glory.	7. <u>We believe in the personal, pre-millennial, and imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ</u> , and that this "blessed hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer.	11. <u>We believe in the personal and pre-millennial and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ</u> and that this "Blessed Hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer.	<i>Christ's Return</i> 9. We believe in the personal, bodily and <u>pre-millennial</u> return of <u>our Lord Jesus Christ</u> . The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our <u>blessed hope</u> , motivates the <u>believer</u> to godly living, sacrificial <u>service</u> and energetic mission.	<i>Christ's Return</i> 9. We believe in the personal, bodily and <u>glorious</u> return of <u>our Lord Jesus Christ</u> . The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our <u>blessed hope</u> , motivates the <u>believer</u> to godly living, sacrificial <u>service</u> and energetic mission.
	10. We believe in the <u>resurrection</u> of the dead, both the righteous and the unrighteous, and that every one shall give an account to a righteous God for his life and conduct on earth. 11. We believe that there is eternal glory for those who believe on Jesus Christ and faithfully endure to the end, and eternal condemnation for those who die in impenitence and unbelief.	8. We believe in the <u>bodily resurrection of all the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness with his Lord, and of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting, conscious punishment.</u>	12. We believe in the <u>bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord, of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment.</u>	<i>Response and Eternal Destiny</i> 10. We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead <u>bodily</u> and judge the world, assigning <u>the unbeliever</u> to condemnation and <u>eternal conscious punishment</u> and <u>the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord</u> in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.	<i>Response and Eternal Destiny</i> 10. We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead <u>bodily</u> and judge the world, assigning <u>the unbeliever</u> to condemnation and <u>eternal conscious punishment</u> and <u>the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord</u> in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.