

Our Purpose

To make devoted followers of Jesus Christ
(*Matthew 28:19,20*)

by passionately loving God and serving others
(*Matthew 22:37-40*)

through the power of the Holy Spirit
(*Acts 1:8*)

The Christian and Missionary Alliance

The Christian and Missionary Alliance is an alliance of evangelical believers, joined together in local churches, committed to fulfilling the great commission given by our Lord Jesus Christ. We are “christian” because we believe and follow Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. We are “missionary” because we are committed to reaching people with the good news of Jesus Christ. As a denomination we are committed to worldwide evangelism and discipleship. This is reflected in our commitment to plant churches around the world, to concentrate on evangelism, and to train and send into service only those who are sound in faith, filled with the Spirit of God and have a passion for reaching those without Christ. The Alliance emphasizes the need for genuine spiritual conversion to Christ, a spirit-filled life and effective service. We teach the centrality of Christ expressed as thus: “Jesus Christ: Our Saviour, Sanctifier, Healer and Coming King.” Our emphasis on the person of Jesus Christ grows out of an unswerving loyalty to the authority and inerrancy of Scripture. Our emphasis on holy living and the Holy Spirit’s power for service grows out of the clear teaching in the New Testament epistles and the teaching of Jesus Christ.

For more information, please visit www.cmacan.org.

Our Core Values

Prayer – We believe that regular conversation with God is foundational to all that will or can happen in the life of the believer and the church.

Loving Relationships – These will be the hallmark of true Christian community. Our community will be characterized by a family atmosphere, Christian fellowship, and an abundance of grace lived out as we practice the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, as listed in Galatians 5:22).

Unity – As the body of Christ, we will be most effective in a unified covenant relationship. We will deal with all potential divisiveness and conflict according to Matthew 18 and other scriptural principles in a timely and loving manner, submitting ourselves to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Excellence – We will do the best we can with what we have, being good stewards of the resources that God has given us, and maintaining our focus on the mission to which He has called us.

Empowering Leadership – We will strive to remove the obstacles that could prevent our people from accomplishing the vision that God has set before them. We will encourage, respect, edify and communicate with wisdom and integrity in order to employ the gifts of our people as effectively as possible for kingdom purposes.

Transparency & Integrity – We will operate with honesty and vulnerability so as to be above reproach and to foster an environment of trust, truth, accountability and humility.

Cultural Relevance & Doctrinal Purity – We will strive to bring the Good News of Jesus to people in a method, language and context they can understand, while at the same time remaining true to the foundations of our faith as outlined in our Statement of Faith and the Scriptures as a whole. We will not compromise the integrity or values of the message in the process of trying to be relevant.

What We Believe

1. There is one God,¹ who is infinitely perfect,² existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.³
2. Jesus Christ is true God and true man.⁴ He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.⁵ He died upon the cross, the Just for the unjust, as a substitutionary sacrifice, and all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood. He arose from the dead according to the Scriptures.⁶ He is now at the right hand of the Majesty on high as our great High Priest.⁷ He will come again to establish His kingdom of righteousness and peace.⁸
3. The Holy Spirit is a divine Person, sent to indwell,⁹ guide, teach and empower the believer, and to convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment.¹⁰
4. The Old and New Testaments, inerrant as originally given, were verbally inspired by God and are a complete revelation of His will for the salvation of people. They constitute the divine and only rule of Christian faith and practice.¹¹
5. Humankind, originally created in the image and likeness of God,¹² fell through disobedience, incurring thereby both physical and spiritual death. All people are born with a sinful nature, are separated from the life of God, and can be saved only through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ.¹³ The destiny of the impenitent and unbelieving is existence forever in conscious torment, but that of the believer is everlasting joy and bliss.¹⁴
6. Salvation has been provided only through Jesus Christ. Those who repent and believe in Him are united with Christ through the Holy Spirit and are thereby regenerated (born again), justified, sanctified and granted the gift of eternal life as adopted children of God.¹⁵
7. It is the will of God that in union with Christ each believer should be sanctified thoroughly¹⁶ thereby being separated from sin and the world and fully dedicated to God, receiving power for holy living and sacrificial and effective service toward the completion of Christ's commission.¹⁷
This is accomplished through being filled with the Holy Spirit which is both a distinct event and progressive experience in the life of the believer.¹⁸
8. Provision is made in the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ for the healing of the mortal body. Prayer for the sick and anointing with oil as taught in the Scriptures are privileges for the Church in this present age.¹⁹
9. The universal Church, of which Christ is the Head, consists of all those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed through His blood, regenerated by the Holy Spirit, and commissioned by Christ to go into all the world as a witness, preaching the Gospel to all nations.²⁰
The local church, the visible expression of the universal Church, is a body of believers in Christ who are joined together to worship God, to observe the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, to pray, to be edified through the Word of God, to fellowship, and to testify in word and deed to the good news of salvation both locally and globally. The local church enters into relationships with other like-minded churches for accountability, encouragement and mission.²¹
10. There shall be a bodily resurrection of the just and of the unjust; for the former, a resurrection unto life;²² for the latter, a resurrection unto judgment.²³
11. The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent and will be personal and visible.²⁴ As the believer's blessed hope, this vital truth is an incentive for holy living and sacrificial service toward the completion of Christ's commission.²⁵

References

- 1 Isaiah 44:6; 45:5-6
- 2 Matthew 5:48; Deuteronomy 32:4
- 3 Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19
- 4 Philippians 2:6-11; Hebrews 2:14-18; Colossians 2:9
- 5 Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:35
- 6 1 Corinthians 15:3-5; 1 John 2:2; Acts 13:39
- 7 Hebrews 4:14-15; 9:24-28
- 8 Matthew 25:31-34; Acts 1:11
- 9 John 14:16-17
- 10 John 16:7-11; 1 Corinthians 2:10-12
- 11 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21
- 12 Genesis 1:27
- 13 Romans 8:8; 1 John 2:2
- 14 Matthew 25:41-46; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10
- 15 Titus 3:5-7; Acts 2:38; John 1:12; 1 Corinthians 6:11
- 16 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- 17 Acts 1:8
- 18 Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 5:16-25
- 19 Matthew 8:16-17; James 5:13-16
- 20 Ephesians 3:6-12; 1:22-23
- 21 Acts 2:41-47; Hebrews 10:25; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8, 11:19-30; 15
- 22 1 Corinthians 15:20-23
- 23 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10
- 24 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17
- 25 1 Corinthians 1:7; Titus 2:11-14; Matthew 24:14; 28:18-20