

The Statement of Faith

(Taken from the Statement of Faith and Practices of Crossroads Evangelical Church 1905 Association). The following statement seeks to lay out the fundamentals of our faith as a congregation of believers.

The association is a church of Christians, called by the Holy Spirit to unite in submission to Jesus Christ as revealed through the Holy Scriptures, His Word, and to express their common life in God.

The purpose of the association is

- to celebrate the common life in God
1 Cor.11:23; Eph.3:20, 21; Col.1:15-20; Rom.14:17, 18; 15:5-13.
- to cultivate personal and corporate growth in Christ Acts 2:42;
Matt.28:20; Rom.12:1,2; Eph.4:11-15.
- to care for one another in Christ
Acts 2:42-47; Gal.6:2; Rom.12:5-8; 1 Cor.12:7-11, 25, 26; 1John 1:3, 7; 3:10-11;4:7-21.
- to communicate Jesus Christ to the world
Matt. 28:18, 19; Acts 1:7, 8; 8:1-4; 1 Peter 3:15-17; Mark 16:15, 16.
as well as to celebrate religious ceremonies and provide religious instruction in the departments of Ain and Haute Savoie.

The church believes in the truths of the traditional, historical and biblical Christian faith. We believe that:

- The Bible, Word of God, is the ultimate authority for the Christian faith and the Christian life.
- God exists eternally in three persons: Father, Son & Holy Spirit. He has revealed Himself to be perfect love, holiness and justice. He is the creator of all things.
- Jesus Christ is the eternal unique Son of God. As true God and true man He was born of a virgin. He was without sin and was raised bodily from the dead and was seen by many witnesses after His resurrection. He has returned to heaven to prepare a place for us in the house of the Father.
- Men and women were created in the image of God, were tempted by Satan and have rebelled against God. Men and women are now fallen in nature and evidence their sinful nature by committing sinful acts
- By repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, we are justified by God and reconciled to Him. We can experience forgiveness of our sins, spiritual rebirth, our adoption as God's children and the gift of the Holy Spirit as a guarantee of our future resurrection and inheritance with Christ.
- By the Holy Spirit, who indwells every Christian, we can experience a progressive liberation from the bondage of sin, although we will never achieve perfection in this life.
- The believer has, through Christ, authority over the powers of darkness directed by Satan, the prince of this world. We exercise this power as we progress to spiritual maturity in Christ.
- The church is the living body of Christ on earth. Jesus Christ is supreme ruler and source of life of the church. This body is made up of all those who have received Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.
- Jesus Christ will return to earth to resurrect the dead, judge the world and consummate His heavenly kingdom. This is the hope of the church and its encouragement for its ministry. All who are spiritually reborn shall live forever with Him.