

## CONSTITUTION

## **ARTICLE 4**

## STATEMENT OF BELIEFS

- SECTION 1. The Statement of Beliefs is an essential part of the makeup of the Church, and sets forth well-defined points of faith/present truth that the Church holds as essential because (a) they are the Testimony of Jesus (FootPrint 5); (b) they are the present truth for this time as affirmed by the Holy Spirit, Who is the Spirit of Prophecy (FootPrint 5); (c) they are the only foundation of truth from which true salvation in Christ and sanctification of the Spirit may be found; and (d) form the basis from which all spiritual members of this body can give an answer to everyone that inquires as to what we believe and why. 1Peter 3:15.
- **SECTION 2**. The Statement of Beliefs reflects the following: **(a)** Who the Godhead consists of; **(b)** Their respective roles in us and for us; **(c)** who man is because of sin; **(d)** God's remedy for what man is; **(e)** The Source of all truth; **(f)** Creation; **(g)** The Law of God and in particular, the Sabbath; **(h)** The Sanctuary; **(i)** The state of the dead; **(j)** Righteousness by His Faith; **(k)** The Second Advent of Jesus; **(l)**The Three Angel's Messages; **(m)** Tithing; **(n)** Baptism; and **(o)** Organization.
- **SECTION 3**. A detailed listing of this statement is attached as **Appendix A**.
- **SECTION 4**. There are additional footprints we as believers need to have a complete understanding and application of; in order for the Spirit of God to manifest the life of Christ in us—the life that is to be reflected in our daily lives. These are underlying principles that define our faith as Free Seventh-day Adventists. They are essential for the believer to apply in order that they may appropriate the Spirit of God to assist them in the proper reading and comprehension of the Bible and the writings of Seventh-day Adventist Pioneers including Ellen G White, God's prophet, ands covenant with Him to abide by them in Him. These are listed in **Appendix B**.