



Statements of Faith and Conduct

Statement of Faith

We are firmly positioned within the long tradition of biblical, apostolic, and orthodox thought, and seek to serve those families and communities who hold to biblical, trinitarian, and orthodox Christianity. We joyfully embrace the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed as our core framework for Christian doctrine, especially regarding the eternal nature of the Godhead, Father, Son (incarnated as Jesus Christ), and Holy Spirit. We affirm the divine inspiration, truthfulness and authority of both Old and New Testament Scriptures in their entirety as the only written Word of God, without error in all that it affirms, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Within these confessional boundaries, we hold steadfastly to being generous in our service to the Church, extending our embrace beyond specific denominational or confessional traditions. Above all, we are deeply rooted in our commitment to Jesus Christ as God and Sovereign over all, as we seek to operate within the rich heritage, traditions, and communion of the Christian Church.

Statement of Conduct

Moral Integrity

The follower of Christ must endeavor to be holy and practice righteousness in all circumstances and in pursuit of his/her calling to become more like Christ each day (1 Pet. 1:13-16, 2 Pet. 1:5-11). The believer has received a high calling to be above reproach in all matters, conducting his affairs with love, wisdom, purity, honesty, justice, compassion, humility, generosity, self-control, a sober mind and concern for the well-being of others and the glory of God. Leaders in the Body of Christ are expected to serve as examples of the highest moral integrity to those within the Church and the surrounding community. (1 Tim. 3:1-13, 1 Pet. 2:11-12)

Financial Integrity

Financial integrity means being truthful in our dealings, paying what we owe, and being fair in our transactions. This reflects our commitment to living out our faith authentically. Luke 16:10 emphasizes that those who are faithful in little can be trusted with much. Financial integrity is a testament to our faith and a powerful witness to the transformative power of living according to God's principles.

Servant Leadership

The Christian Hall model creates significant opportunities for discipleship and mentorship. This brings high expectations for leadership conduct, the appropriate use of influence and power, and a firm commitment to avoid the misuse of power or domineering behavior. All CHI associates and affiliates are to adopt the posture of Jesus Christ who came to serve and give His life, and not to be served, though He deserved it. Similarly, the attitudes of humility exalted by the



Apostle Paul in Philippians 2:1–11, to “do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves”, should be practiced. (1 Pet. 5:1-4, Mark 10:42-45)

Family, Marriage, and Human Sexuality

All questions of faith and conduct must be evaluated based on Holy Scripture, which is our infallible guide (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

We are committed to home and family as set forth in the Holy Scriptures. The Family, surrounded by the Christian community of faith, retains the central authority for procreation and formation of human beings. We strongly encourage a multi-generational commitment to Christian faithfulness and active involvement between elders, grandparents, parents, and children, reflecting the biblical emphasis of passing Christian faith and practice down through the generations.

While institutions are called to serve and support families within the community of faith, they must not subvert this responsibility. We believe that God ordained and created marriage to exist between one man and one woman, with absolute marital fidelity. The Bible presents specific values for the home and family, which include the distinct roles of husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, and children. It is our firm conviction that we uphold the dignity of each person by embracing these immutable and enduring principles of biblical truth.

Marriage

We define marriage as the legal, permanent, exclusive, comprehensive, "one flesh" conjugal union of a man and a woman, intrinsically ordered to procreation and for biological families, and in promoting the moral, spiritual, and public good of the father, mother and children. (Genesis 1:27-28, Genesis 2:18-24, Matthew 19:4-9, Mark 10:5-9, Ephesians 5:31-33)

Sexual Immorality

Since the Holy Bible speaks about the nature of human beings and their sexuality, in the midst of an increasingly confused generation, it is imperative that we correctly understand and articulate what the Bible teaches on these subjects. We believe that sexual acts outside of marriage are prohibited as sinful. Consequently, CHI members must resist and abstain from any and all sexual acts outside of Christian marriage. (Exodus 20:14, Leviticus 18:7-23, Leviticus 20:10-21, Deuteronomy 5:18, Matthew 15:19, Matthew 5:27-28, Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-13, 1 Thessalonians 4:3, Hebrews 13:4, Galatians 5:19, Ephesians 4:17-19, Colossians 3:5)

Sexual Identity

We believe that God created humanity in His image: male (man) and female (woman), sexually different, but with equal personal dignity and value. Accordingly, CHI members must affirm their biological sex and refrain from any and all attempts to physically change, alter, or disagree with their predominant biological sex - including, but not limited to, elective sex reassignment,



transvestite, transgender, or acts or “genderqueer” conduct. As our culture increasingly falls into wickedness, many will be given the opportunity for repentance; those who do turn back should be welcomed and embraced.

(Genesis 1:26-28, Romans 1:26-32, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

Sexual Orientation

CHI members must affirm the sexual complementarity of men and women and resist any and all same-sex sexual attractions and abstain from any and all same-sex sexual acts or conduct that are intrinsically disordered.

(Genesis 1:27, Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:4-6, Mark 10:5-9, Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Ephesians 5:25-27, Revelation 19: 7-9, Revelation 21:2)

Political Activity

The believer’s citizenship is first and foremost within the Kingdom of God with his Heavenly Father and Creator; therefore, his first allegiance should be to God and His glory. He is a minister and ambassador of reconciliation between a fallen world and the Creator God. (Phil. 3:20, Heb. 11:9-10, 2 Cor. 5:11-20)

As we are in the world but not of it, we believe it is the believer’s duty to serve his community and seek its welfare while honoring the laws established by governing authorities to the extent they do not require him to disobey or deny God and His eternal Law. It is not God’s will that we should oppress or injure others for personal or political gain, rather we should be peaceable and humble seeking first to serve others and draw them close to God. (Jer. 29:7, Rom. 13:1-7, 2 Pet. 2:13-23, Heb. 12:14-15)

Consequently, while CHI is politically non-partisan, we anticipate and encourage that many CHI partners and members will be deeply involved in political and civic activities and service, and exhort them to prioritize their spiritual commitments to God and their neighbors in their public service.

Local Statement of Faith and Conduct

Each local Hall should create a Statement of Faith and Conduct document signed by any local directors, tutors and mentors. The local document can be drawn from this Statement of Faith and Conduct, or can be created separately, but must be compatible with this present document. The local statement of faith and conduct should include a statement that:

- a. Mentors and tutors should be chosen with Christian faith commitment consistent with CHI’s Statements of Faith and Conduct.
- b. Each student will be matched with a tutor and/or mentor that provides academic support and guidance on human formation from a Christian worldview.



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c. A commitment to administrate each Program in accordance with the CHI Statement of Faith and Conduct in such a way as to provide consistency and quality across Christian Halls International programs, through the assignment of appropriate Fellows and Tutors to support the Program.