



SERVANTS OF CHRIST  
ANGLICAN CHURCH

*Making disciples, learning to do all Jesus said.*

## **Affirmations and Understanding of the Christian Faith**

Thank you for your interest in serving the youth at Servants! We are thrilled to see the Lord at work in and through you. Please take a moment to consider the following statements and respond honestly.

As part of the global Anglican Church, we hold certain beliefs as outlined below. For those working with children or youth, we have a particular interest in knowing that the beliefs of ministry volunteers align with our historic beliefs and practices. We are glad to meet with you to discuss any statements more in-depth. Some of these questions may not be fully clear to you as written so feel free to ask for clarification. We hope filling out this information will encourage you to explore these questions more deeply through personal conversations and biblical research.

Thank you for your love for Jesus and the ministry of this body of believers at Servants of Christ Anglican Church! We look forward to your role in the spiritual formation of our children and youth. We praise God for you!

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*Each section contains questions to help clarify general beliefs and practices of faith.*

**God Desires a Personal Relationship with You** – “*In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us.*” 1 John 4:10

Do you believe that God desires a personal relationship with you?

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Do you talk to God in prayer on your own (not just in church)?

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Do you believe God can communicate with you through the Bible, other Christians, and the Holy Spirit within you?

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**The Bible as God's Word** – *“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness” 2 Timothy 3:16*

Do you believe the whole Bible is God's Word?

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Do you believe what the Bible teaches is true and complete?

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Do you believe, that when properly understood, the Bible should be believed and followed?

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**Faith in Jesus** – *“...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9*

Do you believe that Jesus is the only way to salvation?

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As an adult (or older than 13), have you taken the opportunity through baptism, confirmation, or some other way to publicly profess Jesus as Lord of your life, recognizing that Jesus is the one crucified for you and then raised from the dead? If so, how?

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If yes, how: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Brokenness of Sin** – *The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20) helps guide God's people on right and wrong. Jesus includes our thoughts, words, and deeds in his Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). As Christians we seek to walk in Christ properly, giving no room for sin to take hold of our lives (Romans 13, 1 Cor 6, Gal 5, Matt 6-7).*

Do you understand that selfishness, greed, and materialism, while accepted in our society, is not acceptable for Christians?

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Do you understand that holding on to bitterness, unresolved anger, or seeking retaliation is not right before God?

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Do you understand that engaging in behaviors such as drunkenness, recreational use of drugs, sexual immorality, pornography, or objectification of others and vulgar speech, are out of bounds for you as a Christian?

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Do you understand that sexual relations are reserved for a man and woman within marriage, a clear biblical teaching that is contrary to much of what the culture says? (see Matt 19:4-5)

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**Repentance, Forgiveness, and Reconciliation** – *“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:8-9*

We all sin against God, even though we are Christians. Will you promise to continually repent and confess your sins to God, and trust that he will forgive you when you do?

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Do you understand Christians are called to love their enemies, and to do to others as they would have others do to them? (see Matt 5-6)

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"For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation." (2 Cor 5:19) Do you commit to the ministry of reconciliation?

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Is there more you want to expound upon, clarify, or ask? Anything else we should know? We would love to journey with you in “learning to do all Jesus said.” We are not here to be judgmental but more as a guide and mentor.

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Understand it is our hope that you will be able to affirm each of these statements by answering “Yes” if these statements truly reflect your beliefs. We

also hope this document will open a dialogue on those sections of uncertainty so that we can help you grow in your faith and understanding.

We will always affirm you as one deeply loved by God and by us; however, if you enter a struggling season where you are unable to uphold these beliefs in your daily walk, or are openly living contrary to any of them, we will ask you to refrain from serving in leadership positions until you are recommitted to these beliefs and are actively seeking Christian community.

Please sign below indicating your commitment to this understanding of the Christian faith. Once again, thank you for your interest in volunteering.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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