

## Statement of Faith for Busti Federated Church

1. We believe the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men, the Word is the Divine and final authority for Christian faith and life. (Romans 15:4:2; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; I Thessalonians 2:15 & 2 Peter 1:20-21)
2. We believe in one God (Deut. 6:4), Creator of all things, infinitely perfect (1 Corinthians 8:6) and eternally existing in three persons; The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28: 19)
3. We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man (Colossians 1:14-21), having been conceived of the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary (Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:35). He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. Further, He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven Jesus is now our High Priest and Advocate. (Hebrews 6:20 & 8:3)
4. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, convicting people to turn from their sins, regenerate, indwelling, guiding, instructing and empowering the believer for godly living and service. (John 7: 38-39, 14:16-17, 15:26 & 16:13-14)
5. We believe that man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is therefore lost and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained. (Gen. 1:26-27 & 3:1-24)
6. We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe. Only those who have received Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit and thus become children of God. (Isaiah 53; I Corinthians 15:3 & 4 & Romans 5:1-9)
7. We believe that water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be observed by the Church during the present age. They are, however, not to be regarded as means of salvation. (Matthew 3:15-16, 28:19 & 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)
8. We believe that the true Church is composed of all such persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated (to endow with new life and vigor; to renew spiritually by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the body of Christ of which He is the head. (Matthew 16:16-18, Acts 2:32-49, II Corinthians 5:8 & Philippians 1:23)
9. We believe that only those who are thus members of the true Church shall be eligible for membership in the local church. Those who have been born-again (John 3:3)

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church (Ephesians 5:23) and that every local church has the right, under Christ, to decide and govern its own affairs.
11. We believe in the personal and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and that this "Blessed Hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer. (Revelation 20:4-6 & 1 Thessalonian 4:16-18)
12. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead, of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord and of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment. (Matthew 25:46 & Revelation 20:11-15)
13. We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman. (Genesis 2:24; Romans 7:21; 1 Corinthians 7:10 & Ephesians 5:22-23)
14. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, adultery and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance. (Genesis 2:24, 19:5 & 13, 26:8-9; Leviticus 18:1-30, Romans 1:26-29; 1 Corinthians 5:1, 6-9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 & Hebrews 1:4)