

PART B – AIMS OF THE COMPANY AND STATEMENT OF FAITH

3. PURPOSE AND STATEMENT OF FAITH

3.1 The Purpose of the Company includes:

Africa Inland Mission is a charitable organisation based in Australia and the Asia-Pacific that exists to advance Christianity by:

(a) Proclaiming the gospel and making disciples in accordance with the Bible, as outlined by the words of Jesus recorded in Mathew 28:18-20.

'Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." ' (NIV).

(b) Having priority for those African ethnic people groups that remain unreached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, whether they are living within or outside of Africa.

(c) Fostering the formation of Christ-centred churches among all African peoples, especially through the mobilising and provision of people, prayer and resources.

(d) Increasing participation of individuals, churches and the Christian community in Australia and the Asia-Pacific, especially through prayer, serving, or resourcing.

(e) Maintaining dependence on the grace and power of the Lord. Cooperating with Africa Inland Mission International. The Directors may choose to be guided by the policies of Africa Inland Mission International and to work in conjunction with similar AIM entities worldwide.

3.2 The faith of the Company includes (but are not limited to) the following:

(a) The unity and trinity of God, eternally existing in three co-equal Persons; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

(b) God, the Creator and Preserver of all things, who created man, male and female, in His own image, and gave them dominion over the earthly creation.

(c) The deity and humanity of God and Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being very God, also became man, being begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, dead and buried, was raised bodily from the dead, and ascended to the right hand of the Father, whose two natures continue eternally and inseparably joined together in one Person.

(d) The deity and personality of God the Holy Spirit, and the necessity of His works to make the death of Christ effective to the individual sinner, leading him to repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; and in His ministry, dwelling permanently within and working through the believer for godly life and service.

(e) The divine, verbal inspiration, infallibility and inerrancy of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as originally given, and their absolute and final authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

(f) The universal sinfulness and guilt human nature since the fall, rendering man subject to God's wrath and condemnation.

(g) The sacrificial death of our Representative and Substitute, the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, by the shedding of whose blood atonement was made for the sins of the whole world and whereby alone men are redeemed from the guilt, penalty and power of sin.

(h) The necessity of the new birth as the work of God the Holy Spirit, to be obtained only by receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour; that men are saved by grace through faith, not by works.

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- (i) The eternal blessedness of the saved and the eternal punishment of the lost.
- (j) The security of the believer, based entirely on the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ, whereby, as a born-again child of God, he has assurance of salvation and has the right to all the privileges of the sons of God.
- (k) The responsibility of the believer to maintain good works and to obey the revealed will of God in life and service, through which eternal rewards shall be received.
- (l) The True Church, whose Head is the Lord Jesus Christ, and whose members are all regenerate persons united to Christ and to one another by Holy Spirit.
- (m) The observance of the ordinance of Baptism and the Lord's Supper as appointed by the Lord Jesus Christ.
- (n) The supreme mission of the Church as being to glorify God and to preach the gospel to every creature.
- (o) The personal visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- (p) The resurrection of the body.

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