



Statement of Faith for the AOCII

Our purpose in providing this statement of faith is not to advocate doctrinal disputes or divisions, but to hold fast to essential Christian doctrine and to embrace, love and learn from our Jewish brethren and their distinctions as a community of faith. We realize that the body of Christ will always have diversity among theology and convictions until Jesus returns. This was evident by the first-century believers and will continue until our LORD Jesus returns. We hold to the reformers' position: **In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty; in all things charity.**

We believe that love is the greatest gift of them all and we are commanded to pursue it first. It's time for the body of Christ (particularly the Clergy) to stop disputing on non-essentials which keep unbelievers out of the kingdom of God. We believe these are the essentials of orthodox Biblical beliefs. Because of the diversity of our members and various traditions, we allow differing opinions and understanding of Christian beliefs such as the amount of time in creation, various interpretations of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, etc. Neither of these will send anyone to the lake of fire and are non-essentials; however, the AOCII Executive Board does affirm that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are for today and have not passed away and so we also believe that this freedom applies to this ministry.

THE BIBLE: The Bible is our sole guide for truth and is the inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God. We affirm the 66 books for the Bible. Divine inspiration extends equally and fully to all parts of the writings in the original manuscripts and is therefore without error. All Scripture is profitable for correction, rebuke, exhortation, and instruction.

JESUS CHRIST: We believe in the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ and that all Scriptures center around Him. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, vicarious atonement on the cross, bodily resurrection, ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His imminent personal return in power and glory. Jesus is 100% God and 100% human. He is the God-man. He is **NOT** a created being and is eternal. We believe in **ONE God in THREE PERSONS** (the Trinity).

SALVATION: We believe in the New Birth of the believer, in the salvation of lost and sinful people through personal repentance, and in regeneration by the Holy Spirit. "Ye must be born again." We affirm that a believer must actively cooperate and participate in the sanctification process (positional and progressive).

HOLY SPIRIT: We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the believer is enabled to live a godly life. We believe that the gifts are for today and should be exercised with decency and in order. God is not the author of confusion but of peace (1 Corinthians 4:32-33, 40).

JUDGMENT: We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and lost: of them that are saved unto the resurrection of life, of them that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. We believe that Hell is a literal place.

SPIRITUAL UNITY:

- We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, that all are united to the risen and ascended Son of God, and are members of the Church, which is the Body and Bride of Christ and which began at Pentecost.
- Its members are constituted as such, regardless of membership or non-membership in the organized churches of the Earth. We are **NOT** inclusivistic (meaning that those people outside of the faith will be saved)
- All clergy men and women who become members of AOCI should exercise grace, love and unity with all members of AOCI as well as to the Body of Christ at large.
- We believe marriage must be between one man and one woman.
- We do **NOT** believe in the ordination of homosexuals.

Positional Statement of Faith Regarding Our Jewish Clergy

- Recognizing that the Jewish people are God's **CHOSEN** people, we renounce all anti-Semitic actions and words, regardless of the source.
- We believe that Christians should bless the Jewish people because, according to the book of Genesis, God will bless those who bless Israel and curse those who curse Israel.
- We recant and renounce the works, words, and anti-semitic teachings of Martin Luther concerning the Jewish people.
- We pray for the healing, blessing, peace, prosperity, and divine protection of the Jewish Nation. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem as commanded in holy writ.
- With deep sorrow and regret, the AOCI openly and honestly asks the Jewish people for forgiveness for the harm that Martin Luther's teachings have caused and any contribution to their harm
- The Gospel is to the Jew first and then the Gentile. Gentiles (believers in Christ other than Jewish believers) have been grafted into the vine. Christians must realize that they do **NOT HOLD UP the ROOT** (Jews), but **the ROOT SUPPORTS** or **HOLDS UP** Christians (cf. Romans 11:18). The oracles of God were committed to the Jew first (cf. Romans 3:1-2).
- The AOCI **DOES NOT SUPPORT OR ENDORSE** the dangerous doctrines of "Replacement Theology" as taught in many Churches around the world. The New Testament teaches that there is neither Jew nor Gentile, but the Lord's desire is that there be **ONE** new man. According to Ephesians 2:14-15 Yeshua HaMashiach has broken down the walls of separation.

Again, the AOCI blesses Israel and the Jewish people. Prayers are also offered for the Middle East and for the salvation and peace of the Arab world. The goal of this Association is to be a platform where all Jewish and Christian Clergy can find "common ground" in which to worship the living God, respect, fellowship, prayer, and a place which provides an opportunity in which both communities of faith can learn from each other.

It is not the intent of the AOCI to convert any Jewish Clergy man or woman but to "unite under the banner of Adonai". This being said, the AOCI will maintain and claim the name of Yeshua HaMashiach as the Messiah of the world, and it is expected that our Jewish brothers and sisters offer the same mutual respect regarding this theological distinction between Jews and Christians.

Terms of Use

The Association of Clergy International (AOCI) exists to help clergy establish relationships with other clergy around the world. All members are asked to help maintain a social environment that is conducive to building these relationships. Members are asked to familiarize themselves with the following core AOCI values:

THE AOCI DOES NOT ADVOCATE, NOR DOES IT ENDORSE OR RECOMMEND, ITS MEMBERS TO LEAVE THEIR DENOMINATION OR MINISTERIAL AFFILIATION. AOCI MEMBERS SHOULD NOT SURRENDER THEIR CREDENTIALS WITH THEIR EXISTING COVERING. THE AOCI EXISTS TO UNITE THE CLERGY FROM AROUND THE WORLD THROUGH:

1. WORSHIP OF ADONAI
2. FELLOWSHIP; and
3. DIVINE NETWORKING/CONNECTIONS.

When communicating via the AOCI network, members are asked to take into account the cultural, theological, and educational diversity represented by ministers from various traditions in many parts of the world. While English may be the primary language communicated on the AOCI network, it may not be the first language of every member. In addition to this, determining the intent of what is written can be difficult even without language and cultural barriers. This being the case, members are encouraged to consider the **possibility** of miscommunication rather than disagreement when using the AOCI network and endeavor to work through misunderstandings to build stronger relationships.

The AOCI maintains that, as a condition of membership, all members are either...

- Credentialed Ministers who preach and teach essential Christian doctrine consistent with the AOCI Statement of Faith; or
- Rabbis, Chaplains, Music Ministers, Teachers, Missionaries, Para-Church ministries, Pastors, Evangelists, Youth and Children leaders, etc.

All members are expected to read and agree with the Statement of Faith as a precondition to using the AOCI network.

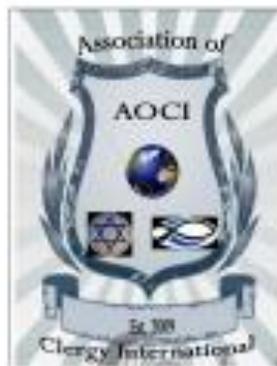
There are many issues with respect to Christian practice and doctrine that may be debated within the Church and with our Jewish brothers. Whenever appropriate, such debates should be undertaken in a respectful manner. Members are urged to be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger. Consistent with Paul's instructions to Timothy, AOCI maintains that our members, as servants of the Lord, should avoid being quarrelsome, and should exhibit kindness and patience without resentment.

The AOCI is NOT a marketing tool. In an effort to maintain a social ministerial network, **the AOCI asks that members not use personal contact information to solicit other members for the purpose of monetary gain.**

Members are urged to use their own discretion concerning any agreements entered into with other AOCI members. AOCI assumes no liability for the failure of any party to fulfill any part of any agreement between consenting parties, nor will AOCI be obligated to mediate any disputes between AOCI members. In the event that a dispute occurs, the parties involved should communicate outside of the AOCI network to resolve the issue. At no time should the message boards, comments, private messages, or blogs be used to impeach the character of another member.

AOCI leadership reserves the right to suspend the membership of anyone who violates this "Terms of Use" Agreement.

“UNITING CHRISTIAN & JEWISH CLERGY FROM AROUND THE WORLD”



The AOCI does NOT advocate, nor does it endorse, support, or recommend, its members to leave their denomination or ministerial affiliation. AOCI members should NOT surrender their credentials with their existing ministerial or rabbinic covering. The AOCI exists to unite the clergy from around the world through; worship of יהוה Adonai, fellowship and divine networking/connections.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is **One!** יהוה אלהינו יהוה ישראל שמע אחד: