

BASIS OF FAITH

The Basis of Faith of Forward Together shall be the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith declared in the ecumenical creeds and the confessions of the Reformed churches, especially as summarized by the Reformation watchwords: Christ alone, grace alone, Scripture alone, faith alone, God's glory alone. In particular we affirm:

1. faith in the triune God – eternally Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
2. faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord through whose incarnation, earthly ministry, death, resurrection and ascension forgiveness and new life in the Holy spirit are freely offered to all on repentance and faith;
3. belief in the gospel of the sovereign grace and love of God, uniquely revealed in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which are God-breathed and entirely trustworthy in all that they teach, and the Church's supreme rule of faith and life;
4. confidence in the personal and visible return of Christ in glory to reign.

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Introducing



A group for evangelical members of the Church of Scotland who share a desire to serve our Lord Jesus Christ within the Church of Scotland.

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Forward Together is a group for evangelical members of the Church of Scotland who share a desire to serve our Lord Jesus Christ within the Church of Scotland. Membership of Forward Together is open to all in the Church of Scotland who declare in writing their agreement with the aims and the Basis of Faith, which are included in this information leaflet.

The purpose of Forward Together is to serve our Church by continuing to present a distinctive evangelical perspective on matters of faith and life within the Church of Scotland. Members of the Church are invited to join Forward Together so that we might together find effective ways of articulating a biblical and evangelical position on the issues of debate within the life of our Church today.

Over the past fifty years we can thank God that he has raised up many in our Church, ministers, elders and members, who hold to an evangelical profession of our Christian faith. Forward Together seeks to be a group, within which evangelicals can work together, building an effective unity among evangelicals, so that we might support and encourage one another even as we work together to present a biblical perspective on the life and work of the Church.

Members of Forward Together:

- will receive regular mailings informing them of the areas of work being undertaken.
- will receive papers outlining a biblical, evangelical perspective on these issues to inform their prayers and participation in the courts of the Church.
- will be represented by members of the Steering Group as the opportunity arises to engage in conversations with the administration of the Church, the media and other evangelical groups within and beyond Scotland.

The Steering Group thank you for your interest in Forward Together and warmly welcome you to join us in serving our Lord Jesus Christ within his Church of Scotland in these days.

AIMS

The aims of Forward Together shall be:

1. to honour the name of our Lord Jesus Christ by obeying his commission to reach the people of Scotland and the whole world with the good news that Jesus Christ is Lord and Saviour, and to do so sensitively, practically and persuasively.
2. to support and encourage all evangelicals in the Church of Scotland in their witness to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour;
3. to promote effective unity among evangelicals in the Church of Scotland;
4. to present a biblical perspective on the life and work of the Church of Scotland, in order to maintain the Church's evangelical heritage, especially on contemporary issues of debate.