# Statement of Faith

We, Bonton United, affirm the following foundational principles as essential to our faith:

### The Triune God:

We believe in one eternal God, existing in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – each fully and equally God, yet distinct in personhood.

# The Authority of Scripture:

We hold the Bible as the inspired and authoritative Word of God, containing all that is necessary for faith and practice. It is our guide in matters of belief and conduct.

# The Deity of Jesus Christ:

We confess that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, fully divine and fully human, born of the Virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, performed miracles, died on the cross for our sins, and rose from the dead, securing salvation for all who believe in Him.

## **Salvation by Grace through Faith:**

We affirm salvation as a gift of God's grace, received through faith in Jesus Christ. It is not earned through human efforts but is a result of God's love and mercy.

## The Holy Spirit's Work:

We acknowledge the Holy Spirit's presence and work in the believer's life, empowering, guiding, and sanctifying. The Spirit convicts of sin, leads to repentance, and assures believers of their salvation.

## The Church:

We believe in the universal Church, the body of Christ, composed of all believers. Local

congregations gather for worship, fellowship, and the proclamation of God's Word.

# **The Second Coming of Christ:**

We anticipate the bodily return of Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead. Believers will be resurrected to eternal life, and the Kingdom of God will be fully realized.

### **The Great Commission:**

We are called to proclaim the Gospel, make disciples, and engage in compassionate service, demonstrating God's love to the world.

### **Christian Conduct:**

We strive to live in obedience to God's commands, loving one another and seeking justice and mercy. We acknowledge our responsibility to care for God's creation and promote peace.

## **Sacraments:**

We recognize baptism and the Lord's Supper as sacraments instituted by Christ, representing spiritual realities and fostering unity among believers.

In these affirmations, we declare our commitment to these core beliefs, acknowledging the diversity of interpretations within the body of Christ while standing united in our faith in the essential doctrines of Christianity.