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### Association of Grace Brethren Ministers

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### Grace College and Theological Seminary

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### Grace Brethren Boys

Reaches boys for Christ, instills godly character through discipleship, and molds them into Godly leaders in their family, their church and their community while encouraging men in their discipleship responsibilities.

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### Women of Grace USA, SMM, and Girls of Faith

Challenges women and girls to be radically in love with Christ and actively engaged in His mission to reach the world.

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## Integrated Ministries

Expressing God's love while caring for various needs of mankind through our work, our neighborhoods, and the communities around us.

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Partners with churches to provide safe, loving, Christian families in 15 orphan homes in Cambodia and Northern Thailand.

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### ICDI—Integrated Community Development International

Works to alleviate poverty in Central Africa by empowering and equipping local people with sustainable transformational community development solutions.

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info@icdinternational.org

### Grace In Action USA

Inspires and prepares individuals and churches to show the love of Christ through education and economic development.

www.graceinactionusa.org

## Supporting Ministries

### Brethren Missionary Herald Company

Builds bridges of communication between the people and churches of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

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### Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Serves the voluntary association of more than 260 churches in the United States and Canada.

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## The Destination

The **Commitment to Common Mission**, developed by the Charis network of Grace Brethren church leaders worldwide, affirms that the church is God's plan for this age and that members and resources should be used to plant new churches. It also seeks to develop leaders in local congregations and culturally sensitive strategies to train those leaders. It also calls upon the local church to bless believers, strengthen churches, and reach the lost by showing works that reflect true faith.

For more information on the Charis Commitment to Common Mission, visit:  
<http://www.fgbc.org/fc/documents/CommitmentToCommonMinistry-Charis09.pdf>



## The Starting Point

The Brethren commitment to following biblical truth began in 1708 near Schwarzenau, Germany, when a small group of Christians committed themselves to following Jesus and the Word of God, no matter what the cost. Since 1939, the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches has perpetuated that passion, believing that every word in the Bible comes from God and gives us direction and hope. Through the scriptures, we learn to have a personal relationship with God, to experience biblical community, and to work together to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ world-wide.

Today, the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches is part of a multi-national network of churches whose values are defined by that pursuit of biblical truth, biblical relationships, and biblical mission. In the U.S. and Canada, the Grace Brethren movement consists of congregations in more than 250 cities, 11 national and cooperating ministries, and 23 cooperating districts. Outside of North America are nearly 3,000 Grace Brethren churches, hundreds of new church starts, and an ever-growing number of cooperative ministry initiatives.

For more information about the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, see [www.FGBC.org](http://www.FGBC.org) or contact Tom Avey, Fellowship coordinator, (574) 269-1269, [tomavey@fgbc.org](mailto:tomavey@fgbc.org), or Box 384, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

## Covenant and Statement of Faith

### Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches



**Section One. Covenant.** The sovereign congregations which are members of this corporation are united in accepting the Holy Scriptures as the sole guide and authority in all matters of faith, doctrine and practice.

**Section Two. Statement of Faith.** The Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches has a corporate commitment to a basic body of beliefs founded on God's revealed truth. The Statement of Faith is the current expression of a never ending effort to clarify an understanding of the primary doctrines we accept.

It is the understanding of this Fellowship that, although individual Grace Brethren Churches remain distinct, autonomous legal entities, congregational church government relates alone to the incidental affairs of the local congregation and not to doctrinal practices or tenets which must be general or universal the same in all congregations. The basic doctrines of one congregation shall be the same as the basic doctrines in every other.

Accordingly, the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Inc., believing the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible to be the infallible rule of faith and of practice and feeling the responsibility to make known the divine message of the Bible, presents the following articles as a statement of those basic truths taught in the Bible which are common to our Christian faith and practice.

1. The Bible. The Word of God, the sixty six Books of the Old and New Testaments, verbally inspired in all parts, and therefore wholly without error as originally given of God (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21).

2. The One True God. Existing eternally as three persons the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:22; Matthew 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14).

3. The Lord Jesus Christ. His preexistence and deity (John 1:13), incarnation by virgin birth (John 1:14; Matthew 1:18-23), sinless life (Heb. 4:15), substitutionary death (2 Cor. 5:21), bodily resurrection (Luke 24:36-43), ascension into heaven and present ministry (Heb. 4:14-16), and coming again (Acts 1:11).

4. The Holy Spirit. His personality (John 16:7-15), and deity (Acts 5:3-4), and His work in each believer: baptism and indwelling at the moment of regeneration (1 Cor. 12:13; Rom. 8:9), and filling (Eph. 5:18) to empower for Christian life and service (Eph. 3:16; Acts 1:8; Gal. 5:22-23).

5. Man. His direct creation in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-28), his subsequent fall into sin resulting in spiritual death (Gen. 3:1-24; Rom. 5:12), and the necessity of the new birth for his salvation (John 3:35).

6. Salvation. A complete and eternal salvation by God's grace alone received as the gift of God through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work (Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-7; 1 Peter 1:18-19).

7. The Church. One true church, the body and the bride of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23; 5:25-32), composed of all true believers of the present age (1 Cor. 12:12-13); and the organization of its members in local churches for worship, for edification of believers, and for worldwide gospel witness, each local church being autonomous but cooperating in fellowship and work (Eph. 4:11-16).

8. Christian Life. A life of righteousness, good works and separation unto God from the evil ways of the world (Rom. 12:12), manifested by speaking the truth (James 5:12), maintaining the sanctity of the home (Eph. 5:22-6:4), settling differences between Christians in accordance with the Word of God (1 Cor. 6:1-8), not engaging in carnal strife but showing a Christlike attitude toward all men (Rom. 12:17-21), exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23), and maintaining a life of prayer (Eph. 6:18; Phil. 4:6), including the privilege, when sick, of calling for the elders of the church to pray and to anoint with oil in the name of the Lord (James 5:13-18).

9. Ordinances. The Christians should observe the ordinances of our Lord Jesus Christ which are (1) baptism of believers by triune immersion (Matt. 28:19) and (2) the threefold communion service, consisting of the washing of the saints' feet (John 13:1-17), the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:20-22, 33-34; Jude 12), and the communion of the bread and the cup (1 Cor. 11:23-26).

10. Satan. His existence and personality as the great adversary of God and His people (Rev. 12:1-10), his judgment (John 12:31), and final doom (Rev. 20:10).

11. Second Coming. The personal, visible, and imminent return of Christ to remove His church from the earth (1 Thess. 4:16-17) before the tribulation (1 Thess. 1:10; Rev. 3:10), and afterward to descend with the Church to establish His millennial kingdom upon the earth (Rev. 19:11-20:6).

12. Future Life. The conscious existence of the dead (Phil. 1:21-23; Luke 16:19-31), the resurrection of the body (John 5:28-29), the judgment and reward of believers (Rom. 14:10-12; 2 Cor. 5:10), the judgment and condemnation of unbelievers (Rev. 20:11-15), the eternal life of the saved (John 3:16), and the eternal punishment of the lost (Matt. 25:46; Rev. 20:15).



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# A COMMON COMMITMENT

