

## Journey With Christ Statement of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **With this as the foundation of our faith, we proclaim:**

- We believe in the inspired Word of God, as our authority of faith and practice.
- We believe in the Trinity. One God manifested in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is our Father, Creator and Sustainer of life. Jesus Christ is true God and true man. He is the only way to the Father because of His unique birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension. The Holy Spirit is equally God whose ministry is to convict, indwell and empower every Christian.
- We believe man (Genesis 5:1-2) was created in God's image, but through Adam's fall, we inherit a sin nature. Personal salvation is attained only through the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior. Discipleship, growth, and accountability in Christ are necessary for every believer.
- We believe that God's prevenient, justifying, and sanctifying grace which draws us into divine relationship, must be claimed as an act of faith, and is perfected through the power of the Holy Spirit. Baptism and Communion are the outward and visible signs of this inward and spiritual grace.
- We believe in the local church. We believe that the local church is Christ's witness to the world. We support the local church by nurturing and encouraging dedicated Christian leaders by promoting unity, inspiration, and fellowship with Christ

## The Journey Model

The Gospel of Luke relates the story of the risen Christ appearing to two people who were walking along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). This story provides the model for Journey with Christ and Walk with Christ ministries that call for the renewal of Christian discipleship.

Two friends were walking together. They were sharing their deepest hearts' concerns. The risen Christ joined them and explained the scriptures as they walked; how it was ordained that Christ should suffer and so enter His glory. This experience on the road was a heart-warming experience as the risen Christ walked and talked with them. The illuminating climax of the experience was when Christ took the bread and said the blessing, then broke it and gave it to them. The two had their eyes opened and they recognized Him as the risen Christ.

There are two expectations of a person following his or her weekend:

- Expand his/her own inner spiritual life.
- Become a more active disciple of Christ in the world through his/her church.

The real focus of the community is not on itself, but on the local church. The objective is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action, in their homes, churches, schools, work places and communities.



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## **Building Up Youth** **In Christ**

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## What is a Journey?

Journey with Christ and Young Adult Journeys are three-day spiritual renewal retreats that provide participants an opportunity to learn more about faith, to experience Christian love and support, and to make new commitments in their faith journey.

The content of the three days focuses on God's grace, how we experience Christ as friend in the body of Christ, and how we are called into discipleship by sharing God's love with the world.

The Journeys use the life cycle of a butterfly as an example of Christian growth. The growth stage between caterpillars and butterflies occurs in a chrysalis or cocoon. While on the surface it may look like nothing is happening, a delicate process changes the caterpillar into a butterfly with wings and beautiful colors. For Christians this can symbolize dying to self, with Christ transforming us into new beings. The Journey weekend can help open us to this transformation through Jesus.

Journey with Christ weekends are for youth who are at least 15 years of age and in high school through graduation (approximately age 18). The Young Adult Journey with Christ weekends are for young adults, ages 18-25, and post-high school. College enrollment is not a requirement for participation in the Young Adult Journey.

Journeys have its roots deeply planted in its parent movement, The Walk with Christ, a ministry for Christian adults.

## What will I do at a Journey?

You will spend three days with other young people in worship, prayer, fellowship, recreation, singing and discussion. You will experience the love of Christ through the prayers and the support of a loving community. Talks, given by youth and adults, will focus on the needs of maturing youth and young adults through the gospel, friendship and example of Jesus Christ. Each day you will hear five talks, followed by discussion and reflection on how these messages can encourage your personal faith. The discussions explore how a relationship with Jesus can help you live out your faith with family, friends, and other people in your world.

## What happens after Journey?

After your Journey experience, you will continue exploring your relationship with God through Jesus by participation in your local church, small group studies, and interpersonal sharing groups. You are invited to build upon your Journey experience for the rest of your life, to spread your wings every day.



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;  
the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17

## Who should go on a Journey?

Journeys are for youth and young adults who:

- wish to gain a fuller understanding of God's love;
- may have unanswered questions about what it means to be a Christian;
- wish to strengthen their relationship with Christ;
- understand that being Christ's friend, or a Christian, involves responsibility;
- are open to dedicating their everyday lives to God

To attend a Journey, one must be sponsored by someone who has previously made a Journey with Christ or a Walk with Christ weekend. The candidate registration form is available on the Journey with Christ website ([www.JourneyWithChrist.org](http://www.JourneyWithChrist.org)) or by contacting the registrar (*address on back of this form*).

## When and where are Journeys held?

Journeys for high school aged youth are held three times per year, typically in late winter, summer, and fall. The Journey for post-high school aged young adults is held once per year, usually in late June.

Journeys are held at host churches throughout eastern Washington, northeast Oregon, and northern Idaho. If you know of a church that may be willing to host the Journey weekends, please contact the registrar for more information (*telephone number on backside of this form*).

For the most current Journey event  
schedule, please visit  
[www.JourneyWithChrist.org](http://www.JourneyWithChrist.org)