



CAL-PAC RENEWAL Statement of Faith and Mission

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WHO ARE WE?

We affirm the doctrinal standards of the UM Book of Discipline and the summary of the Faith as expressed in the ancient creeds. We believe that the entire Bible, Old Testament and New, is the triune God's timeless and trustworthy revelation to humanity. We believe its central message is the Gospel of Jesus Christ; that God the Son became a man, lived a perfect life, and then laid that life down on our behalf. We believe that Jesus Christ and His shed blood is the only remedy for mankind's sin and therefore the only Door to Heaven. His resurrection from the dead was triumph over Hell, the evidence and guarantee of Life Eternal to everyone who has been reborn by faith in that Name.

Therefore, we believe that the preaching of this Good News to the lost and the making of disciples obedient to His commands is the most important thing we are to do — and the greatest love that we can show others — because it is the pathway by which the Savior is known and eternal life, the real prize, is secured and held fast. We also believe that to be effective in this pursuit we must be rich in good works as our founding father John Wesley exhorted, *"Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can"*.

Our conference is in decline. We have been losing members at an alarming rate. We believe that a renewal of our Wesleyan heritage's emphasis on fiery evangelism, heartfelt worship, and Biblical fidelity — with much prayer and kindness — will not only stop the hemorrhaging but reverse the decline altogether. We long to be pleasing to Him, to grow our churches, and to see the Holy Spirit fall in power upon Cal-Pac. This is our hope, our prayer, and who we are.

AFFIRMATION

We of CPR affirm our Wesleyan heritage as being a people of "One Book"¹, for "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness that the [follower] of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2Timothy 3:16-17).

PROCLAMATION

"Offer them Christ!" (*John Wesley*) "For there is no other Name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved!" (*Acts 4:12*)

MOTTO

"Growing our churches — Renewing our Conference"

VISION

We see Cal-Pac glorifying Christ, honoring His Word, and worshiping Him in growing numbers.

MISSION

We will unite the voices of likeminded Cal-Pac clergy and laity for the purpose of renewing our conference — its shepherds and their flocks — in a deeper reliance upon the full Word of God, in the experience of a more intimate walk with the Savior, in a more determined effort to reach the Lost with the Gospel, and in the growth of conference membership.

¹ "I want to know one thing: the way to heaven—how to land safe on that happy shore. God himself has condescended to teach the way; for this very end He came from heaven. He has written it down in a book. Oh give me that book! At any price give me the book of God! I have it—here is knowledge enough for me. Let me be a man of one book!" (John Wesley)