

Northern Lakes Partners Doctrinal Statement

1. We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God, and inerrant in the original writings, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life. (II Timothy 3:16,17; II Peter 1:21)
2. We believe in one God eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Mark 12:29; II Corinthians 13:14; Matthew 28:19, 20, I John 5:7)
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary and is true God and true man. (Matthew 1:18-20; Isaiah 7:14)
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death which is separation from God; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, and in case of those who reach moral responsibility, become sinners in thought, word and deed. (Genesis 1:26; John 5:40, 6:33; Ephesians 2:1-3)
5. We believe that Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures as a representative, and substitutionary sacrifice, and washed us from our sins in His own blood. All who by faith receive Him as their personal Savior are justified on the ground of His death, burial and resurrection. They are born of the Holy Spirit, and thereby become the children of God. (John 1:12, 3:3-5, 16; I Corinthians 15:3-5; Revelation 1:5)
6. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His ascension into heaven, and His present life there for us as High Priest and Advocate. (Luke 24:36-46; Acts 2:22, 24; I Corinthians 15:3-5)
7. We believe in that "Blessed Hope," the personal, pre-millennial and imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for His redeemed ones; and in His subsequent pre-millennial return to earth with His saints, to establish His millennial kingdom. (John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; Luke 12:40; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 19:11-16, 20:1-6)
8. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead; the saved to eternal life and blessedness, the unsaved to eternal conscious suffering and woe. (John 5:28-29; Revelation 20:4-5, 12-13; I Corinthians 15:51-53)
9. We believe in the preaching of the gospel to every person, and the edification of the individual members of the body of Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)
10. Our beliefs on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female at the moment of fertilization. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Genesis 1:26-27.) Rejection of one's own gender phenotypically expressed at birth with clarity¹ in virtually all cases² is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

¹ Including boys with de la Chapelle syndrome (i.e., XX male syndrome) and girls having Swyer syndrome (i.e., XY gonadal dysgenesis)

² except in the uncommon case of a child born with ambiguous genitalia.

We believe that the term “marriage”, rightly understood, has only one universal³ meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a covenantal union, intended and expected to be of a permanent nature⁴ during the joint lifetimes of the man and the woman, as delineated in Scripture (I Corinthians 7:10, 11, 39) and that marriage should be⁵ monogamous. (Genesis 2:18-25; Titus 1:6) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other and that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in between persons who are not married to each other (I Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4.)

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, attempts to “alter one’s own gender” by surgery or appearance⁶⁷ and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Leviticus 18:1-30, Matthew 15:18-20; Romans 1:24-27; I Corinthians 5:1; 6:9-10; I Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4)

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Northern Lakes Partners as representing the Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the Northern Lakes Partners patrons, staff, neighbors and the community, it is imperative that all persons who are employed by Northern Lakes Partners in any capacity, who are board members or speakers, or who serve as volunteers, agree with and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender and Sexuality and that those who are patrons or guests agree to abide by, and conform their conduct on campus to, this Statement on Marriage Gender, and Sexuality and the policies, rules and/or regulation promulgated hereunder. (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16; I Thessalonians 5:22.)

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10; I Corinthians 6:9-11; I John 1:9)

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, and kindness. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31.) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Northern Lakes Partners.

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³ irrespective of the religion or lack thereof of either spouse.

⁴ excepting only the grounds for dissolution permitted by the Creator of the Universe to be availed of by an innocent, aggrieved spouse,

⁵ as is presently required to be by the laws of all fifty states of the United States of America.

⁶ I Cor. 7:17,20, 24.

⁷ excluding parental decision and action during infancy to correct ambiguous genitalia occasioned during fetal development by exceedingly rare (i) post-fertilization mitotic error known as 45,X/46,XY mosaicism , (ii) excessive exposure to testosterone of a genotypical girl and/or (iii) underexposure to testosterone of, or the presence of androgen insensitivity syndrome in, a genotypical boy.