

STATEMENT OF FAITH

A Statement of Faith is a written document that encompasses or reflects a person's thoughts and beliefs as it relates to their religious faith, relationship with God, Church and Jesus Christ. It may also share an individual's personal faith journey. A Statement of Faith may be required when applying for positions with churches, faith-based organizations or schools.

A Statement of Faith should answer the following questions:

- What are your explicit beliefs about the Christian faith?
- How will your faith be lived out in the desired role?
- How does your faith impact your life?

Employers look for:

- A connection between your faith and the mission of the organization.

Possible Questions to Address:

You are not required to answer all the following questions within your faith statement. However, the questions below give some ideas of what you could include in your statement.

- What do you believe?
 - What do you believe about the Holy Trinity?
 - What do you believe about Jesus?
 - What do you believe about the Bible?
 - What are your beliefs about the Holy Spirit?
 - Do you believe all men have sinned?
 - Do you believe we are saved by grace?
 - What are your beliefs concerning eternity?
 - What are your personal beliefs on baptism and other sacraments?
- How does your faith reflect your personal lifestyle?
 - What are your favorite scriptures? Why?
 - What is your faith story?
 - How does your faith impact your everyday life?
 - How will your faith affect you in this role?
 - What sacraments do you exercise?
- Where do you belong?
 - What church do you attend? Why?
 - What is your church involvement like?
 - What spiritual practices are important to you and why?

Statement of Faith Tips

- Begin your statements with "I believe."
- Include scriptures or creed quotes to back up your beliefs.
- Avoid using all bullet points.
- Feel free to make it personal, beyond just a list of your beliefs.
- Do not overthink it, just share what you believe.
- Statement should be short and to the point. (One page or about 500 words maximum).
- Proofread. Bring your statement to the Career Center to have a career coach review it.

Faith Statement Sample

My faith journey began before I was born. I grew up in a family where faith was our foundation. Some of my mentors include my grandparents, who are preachers. They instilled in me the importance of love and the drive to be the best I can be. However, it was not until my time in college when I truly met God for myself. As I stated, I grew up in a Christian family, so God was all around me but not in my heart. During my sophomore year of college, I attended a worship night through an on-campus ministry called Intervarsity. Walking into the church I witnessed hundreds of young people, college students, worshiping and praising God. I felt something that night, something unexplainable and something that would ultimately change my life forever. I felt God! Although I could not see him, my heart knew he was real. Might I add, even the small hairs on my arm knew it too. Today, I continue in my relationship with Jesus Christ. I strive to reflect him in the way that I treat others and in how I live my daily life. If given this position, I hope to be a light in the organization by serving with humility and kindness.

My beliefs are as follows: I believe in the Holy Trinity, The Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. God, the Father, is the creator of Heaven and Earth. I believe he is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is all knowing and all powerful. I believe that the Holy Spirit is the comforter and guide. He was sent to give us power and boldness to live as Jesus lived. The Spirit also gives us the power to do what Jesus instructed us to do, which is to go out and make disciples. Acts 1:8 says, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you: and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem...to the ends of the earth." I believe that Jesus is the son of God. He was sent to redeem the world from sin. Sin entered the world because of the disobedience of Adam and Eve. Jesus came to give us hope and new life through shedding his blood. I believe that he came and lived on earth, that he was crucified on Calvary, and that on day three God rose him from the dead. I believe that Jesus is alive and that one day he will return to take back with him those that have believed in him.

In conclusion, I believe that because of God's love and grace he sacrificed someone so precious, his son Jesus, for me and you. My motto is "I live for him, because he died for me." God commands us to love him with all our heart, mind, and soul, and to love others as we love ourselves. Therefore, I make it a point to show his love by the way I love others and by obeying his commands through his word. The Bible is God's written instruction to us. I see it as the manual to life. I believe that he inspired the scriptures through its many writers and that he wants us to study it and apply it to our lives. Every day I strive to live out his written word.