

Healthcare Chaplains Ministry Association



HCMA STATEMENT OF FAITH

(From the HCMA By-laws, Article 2.4)

The Statement of Faith of HCMA is the historic faith of the universal church of Jesus Christ expressed as follows:

- Holy Scriptures:** We believe the Bible to be inerrant in the original writings, infallible, and God-breathed; the final authority for Christian faith and lifestyle.
- God:** We believe there is one true and living God, eternally existing in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, each having divine attributes and perfection equal in power and glory. God the Father orders and disposes all things according to His own purpose and grace.
- Jesus Christ:** We believe Jesus became a man without ceasing to be God. We believe Jesus was virgin-born, and accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a vicarious sacrifice. The believer's justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is now exalted at the right hand of the Father, as our high priest and advocate.
- Holy Spirit:** We believe the Holy Spirit is a Person of the Godhead, who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. The Holy Spirit is the supernatural agent in regeneration, who baptizes all believers into the body of Christ, and also indwells and seals them unto the day of redemption.
- Fall of Man:** We believe all people were created in the image of God. In Adam's sin the race fell and inherited a sinful nature, becoming alienated from God. As a result, no one is able to remedy his or her lost condition without the divine work of God.
- Salvation:** We believe salvation is the eternal gift of God brought to mankind only by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Satan:** We believe Satan is a fallen angel. He is the declared enemy of God and all humanity, and will be eternally punished in the lake of fire.
- Second Advent:** We believe in the personal, imminent coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Eternal State:** We believe in the bodily resurrection of all persons, the saved to eternal life, and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment.