

DECLARATION OF FAITH FOR THE CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

As adopted by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa in 1986 and amended in 1993 and 1994.

We believe in the one true God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe in the Father,
who created and rules all the world,
who will unite all things in Christ
and who wants all his people to live together
as brothers and sisters in one family.

We believe in Jesus Christ the Son,
who became human and lived
and died and rose in triumph
to reconcile both the individual and the world to God,
to break down every separating barrier
of race, culture or class,
and to unite all God's people into one body.
He is exalted as Lord over all,
the only Lord over every area of life.
He summons both the individual and society,
both the Church and the State,
to seek justice and freedom for all
and reconciliation and unity between all.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the pledge of God's coming reign,
who gives the Church power
to proclaim the good news to all the world,
to love and serve all people,
to strive for justice and peace,
to warn the individual and the nation of God's judgement
and to summon them both to repent
and trust and obey Jesus Christ as
the King who will come in glory.