



## Ministry Statements Packet

### Statement of Faith

#### The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God; begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeded from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe one catholic\* and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

*\*universal church*

### Doctrinal Statement

#### I. Scripture

The Holy Bible alone is God's inspired word; it does not err or lie; and it binds our beliefs and practices.

#### II. God

There is one true God, revealed in the Scripture as infinite, eternal, and unchangeable; all-wise; all-powerful; all-present; just; holy; loving; and faithful. He is the Creator and Ruler of all things, and all things exist solely for His glory.

#### III. Christ

God the Son became man: Jesus Christ. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. He lived a sinless and holy life and died as a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice (due to

us for sin), rose bodily from the dead, and ascended bodily into heaven. He will come again, visibly, in power and glory, to judge the world. He therefore was and continues to be God and man, one person in two distinct natures, forever.

#### **IV. Faith**

For the salvation of sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential. The Holy Spirit is the author of Christian faith in a person's heart. The one who has this faith accepts the doctrines of the Trinity and the Incarnation, repents of his sins, and rests upon Christ's holy life and sacrificial death as the sole ground of acceptance with God. Whoever does not have this faith in Christ will suffer God's wrath; no one can go to heaven without this faith.

#### **V. The Christian Life**

All those who have put their trust in Jesus Christ for salvation will seek to please Him with the way they live, by keeping His commandments and worshiping with His people. Someone who has no desire to be holy has not been born again.

#### **VI. Christian Unity**

All those who have sincerely trusted Christ for salvation are members of the body of Christ and enjoy spiritual unity with one another in Christ.

### **Statement of Principle**

1. Care Net of Puget Sound, being a Protestant Christian ministry, has as its primary purpose, to testify to all about God: His existence, glory, and will. This God, whose holy law legislates, "Do not murder", also invites with mercy, "Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Thus, Care Net of Puget Sound's goals include:
  - A. Showing compassion and providing information and assistance to mothers (clients) so as to save their children from abortion, and
  - B. By lovingly telling them of the grace and mercy of God toward sinners as found in the good news that Jesus Christ died and rose again for them and inviting them to trust Him as Savior. The manner and methods of reaching these goals must be guarded by submission to the Word of God and humble prayer.
2. Care Net of Puget Sound requires all volunteers, staff, and directors to be practicing Christians who give unreserved assent to their Ministry Statements.
3. Care Net of Puget Sound is committed to providing its clients with accurate and complete information about both prenatal development and abortion. Care Net of Puget Sound will not use any form of coercion or deception when advising clients or in advertising its services.
4. Care Net of Puget Sound is committed to providing its clients with whatever forms of support are necessary in order that mothers may bring their babies to term.
5. Care Net of Puget Sound is committed to aiding women who have decided to have their babies, through the provision of God's people and the community at large, in order that they may face the

future with hope and plan constructively for themselves and their babies.

6. Care Net of Puget Sound never discriminates in presenting the love of Christ through its ministry, because of race, creed, color, national origin, age, or marital status of its clients.
7. Care Net of Puget Sound affirms that Scripture and science agree that human life begins at conception. The commandment, "Do Not Murder", requires that we do all within our power to protect this human life. Consequently, abortion is never justified except to save the mother's life. (In the case of a life-threatening ectopic pregnancy, removal of the ectopic is permissible). Biblical holiness demands that we speak up for the unborn; therefore, Care Net of Puget Sound never advises, provides, or refers for abortion or abortifacients.
8. Care Net of Puget Sound does not engage in counseling or in referring for contraceptives or contraceptive services. Married women seeking contraceptive information are urged to seek counsel from their pastor and physician. The guiding rule with unmarried women is the sanctity of the sexual relationship in marriage.
9. Care Net of Puget Sound offers assistance free of charge at all times.
10. Care Net of Puget Sound is committed to creating awareness within the local community of the needs of pregnant women, because abortion only compounds human need rather than resolve it.
11. Care Net of Puget Sound advocates peaceful and legal means to protect life and end abortion and does not employ or condone violence of any kind.
12. Care Net of Puget Sound recognizes the validity of adoption as one alternative to abortion but is not biased toward adoption when compared to the other life-saving alternatives. Care Net of Puget Sound is independent of adoption agencies, relating to them in the same manner as to other helpful referral sources. Care Net of Puget Sound receives no payments of any kind from these agencies, does not enter into contractual relationships with them, and does not share combined office space. Adoption agencies are not established under the auspices of the Center. Care Net of Puget Sound neither initiates nor facilitates independent adoptions.

## **Statement on the Sanctity of Human Life**

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect and value all human life. (Ps 139)

## **Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality**

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any patient, client, staff, or volunteer are forbidden and are to be repudiated as they are not in accord with Scripture or the doctrines of Care Net of Puget Sound.

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen 2:18-25) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10)

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Care Net Pregnancy and Family Services of Puget Sound as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the Care Net of Puget Sound members and the community, is the imperative that all persons employed by Care Net of Puget Sound in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement of Marriage, Gender and Sexuality. (Matt 5:16; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 6:9-11)

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; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 6:9-11)

## **Mission Statement**

Care Net offers hope by providing compassionate practical care, accurate information, Biblical Truth, and life-affirming resources for pregnancy, sexual health & integrity, and abortion recovery.

## **Our Commitment of Care and Competence**

- Clients are served without regard to age, race, income, nationality, religious affiliation, disability, or other arbitrary circumstances.
- Clients are treated with kindness, compassion and in a caring manner.
- Clients always receive honest and open answers.
- Client pregnancy tests are distributed and administered in accordance with all applicable laws.
- Client information is held in strict and absolute confidence. Releases and permissions are obtained appropriately. Client information is only disclosed as required by law and when necessary to protect the client or others against imminent harm.
- Clients receive accurate information about pregnancy, fetal development, lifestyle issues, and related concerns.
- We do not offer, recommend, or refer for abortions or abortifacients, or contraceptives. We are committed to offering accurate information about related risks and procedures.

- All of our advertising and communication are truthful and honest and accurately describe the services we offer.
- We provide a safe environment by screening all volunteers and staff interacting with clients.
- We are governed by a board of directors and operate in accordance with our articles of incorporation, by-laws, and stated purpose and mission.
- We comply with applicable legal and regulatory requirements regarding employment, fundraising, financial management, taxation, and public disclosure, including the filing of all applicable government reports in a timely manner.
- Medical services are provided in accordance with all applicable laws, and in accordance with pertinent medical standards, under the supervision and direction of a licensed physician.
- All of our staff, board members and volunteers receive appropriate training to uphold these standards.

## **Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct**

The Statement of Faith, Doctrinal Statement, Statement of Principle, Statement on the Sanctity of Human Life, Statement on Marriage, Gender and Sexuality, Mission Statement and the Commitment of Care and Competencies does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe.

For purposes of Care Net Pregnancy and Family Services of Puget Sound's faith, doctrine, practice, policy and discipline, our Board of Directors is Care Net Pregnancy and Family Services of Puget Sound's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

My signature represents my agreement with these statements, my belief in these statements and my willingness to uphold these standards in my own life.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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