

STATEMENT OF FAITH

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I believe in one God with a triune nature:

God the parent created the universe and everything in it;

all was created good;

humans were created with the rest of the universe, but with the special roles of

being in conscious relationship with God

and stewards of creation;

God did not create evil, nor did it exist before God's creation;

however, evil emerged as an active force in creation

and is purveyed by humans who, by willful actions and neglectful inactions, commit sins against

God, one another, and creation.

Jesus Christ is God in human form;

fully human, fully divine;

born and raised Jewish in ancient Palestine;

Jesus proclaimed God's Kingdom:

healing the sick,

casting out demons,

teaching the masses,

befriending the socially ostracized,

and rebuking hypocritical religious leaders, oppressive government, and exploitative economic practices;

because of his ministry, Jesus was unjustly condemned to die on a cross;

but God raised Jesus on the third day after his death, thereby

conquering sin and evil,

providing means for all humans to be forgiven and come to know and be in proper relationship to

God and creation once again.

The Holy Spirit is the messenger and presence of God sent from the Creator as promised by Christ;

present at creation and with the prophets of old, the Holy Spirit is with us now:

binding believers in Christ together as the Church,

where we symbolize Christ's saving power and our commitment in baptism

and remember and celebrate Christ's sacrifice and victory through the Lord's supper,

inspiring Scripture as witness to the gospel of Christ and instruction for the Church,

and empowering Christians to

live lives apart from sin,

proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ,

and exhibit the Kingdom of God in the fallen world in which we live until Christ comes again.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT: Jake Adam Young**September 2015**

Originally from Hampton, Virginia, I currently reside in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, where I work as a U.S. Coast Guard licensed fishing charter Captain. I am a Minister member of Foothills Presbytery (Upstate South Carolina), where I served as Pastor at North Anderson church for over seven years.

In 1995, I began pursuing a sense of calling to ministry while my spouse and I were living in St. Louis, Missouri and attending Second Presbyterian Church. I was a graduate student in anthropology at the time (M.A., Washington University '95). We moved to Columbia, Missouri, later that year where my spouse undertook her three year medical residency training program. I worked as a medical research assistant during that time. I also used those years to come under care of Missouri Union Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry. My sons, Joseph (19) and Benjamin (17) were born in Columbia and baptized by Rim Massey at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

In 1998, we moved to Chicago and I began attending McCormick Theological Seminary. I had many great experiences during my theological training including an internship with an active, loving church and a gifted, generous mentor (Yorkfield Presbyterian Church in Elmhurst, Illinois) and opportunities to serve on Student Session, the Board of Trustees, and as event planner for the Seminary's fall retreats.

I graduated seminary and was ordained in 2001, accepting a call to be Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Illinois in the Presbytery of Great Rivers. This was a generalist Associate position and I worked closely with the Head of Staff, Gordon McLean (retired), learning a great deal about many aspects of ministry in a 500 member, downtown church. The leadership at First Presbyterian was very supportive of their staff participating in the work of more inclusive governing bodies. Therefore, I became active in Presbytery and served as the Chair of one of four Regional Commissions on Ministry. Great Rivers is a geographically large presbytery and the Committee on Ministry formed the standing Commissions to facilitate meeting its many responsibilities. I was honored to serve and gained valuable experience working with the 38 church's in my region during those years.

In 2004, I met the Pastoral Nominating Committee for North Anderson Community Church, Presbyterian (South Carolina) at General Assembly in Richmond. I accepted the call to be their pastor and moved to Anderson with my family in November of that year. I served North Anderson with joy and energy for seven and a half years before resigning at the end of April, 2012. As a member of Foothills Presbytery, my service includes being a member and chair of the Inspiration and Support team of COM, being a member of an Administrative Commission for a church in Greenville that was undergoing a period of transition, and other forms of connectional service.

My wife and I separated in 2013 after twenty years of marriage. The divorce was final in April of 2014.

The last three years have afforded me the rare opportunity to pursue some longstanding interests and undertake an intentional period of vocational discernment. First, I began a business with my father similar to the one he owned and operated with his father for many years before he became a missionary. We manufactured and installed custom made canvas products. I then earned my USCG Captain's license and have worked for two years as a fishing guide in Murrells Inlet and a tugboat engineer in Tampa. While I have called the Murrells Inlet area home, I have regularly attended Trinity Presbyterian Church in Surfside and made myself available in service to this church and New Harmony Presbytery wherever possible.

Today, following significant discernment and prayer, as well as the counsel of friends and colleagues, I look forward to serving Topsail Presbyterian Church as Interim Pastor during this important transitional period in their life as a congregation of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.