

## Statement of Faith – The Rev. Derek Macleod

### Preamble

*To be a part of a denomination that is reformed and catholic is to celebrate a faith has been shaped and tested throughout the generations. There is a great gift in receiving a truth that millions in this world (those with us and those gone before us) have already discovered and claimed. My statement of faith is the Gospels, the Apostle's creed, the Nicene Creed, Living Faith (a PCC document) and many other documents that the Church has declared essential to understanding itself and our Lord. Our Church's confessions are what we as disciples want to believe, seek to believe, try to believe, encourage each other to believe and they are great gifts. With that in mind, I offer some creedal statements of my own as directed by the PIF assignment:*

God who is love; who has created and is creating still, whose mercy is without end and whose compassion never fails; who came in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, to heal, reconcile and make new, to bring peace that passes all understanding and through his life, death and resurrection brings salvation for all; whose constant presence is felt through the power of the Holy Spirit, a comfort, an advocate, the very breath of God moving in and through us; in you Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, Three-in-one:  
I believe.

Your church God, difficult but indispensable, a vessel of your grace and instrument of your peace, where water poured, bread broken, wine shared and word proclaimed are all visible signs of your commitment to us and presence with us; that sins are forgiven, minds changed, wisdom found; the company of saints, composed of those close to us, far from us, always with us, where faith is shared and love lived out; our bodies, frail flesh where you are yet willing to make our hearts your home; that death cannot diminish life in you; in these great gifts:  
I believe.

That your great commission calls us to love and serve the world on our front door step and in communities thousands of miles away; that we discover Christ has gone before us and meets us in the very ones we wanted to reach out to; that you lift up the lowly, bind the brokenhearted, strengthen the faithful and set the captives free; that you have not given up on this old world; that to abide in love is to abide with you:  
This, I believe.