



## ARTICLE II VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

The Corporation exists to serve God in the hurting, to bring the comfort of the Holy Spirit to the troubled, and to herald the healing power of Jesus Christ to families wounded by sexual exploitation. Our vision is a world where no sexually exploited woman is forced to be apart from her children to seek safety, care, and healing. This takes on concrete forms. Our mission is to offer long-term transitional housing and trauma informed comprehensive restorative services, guiding women and their children towards lives marked by stability, independence, and renewal. Our purpose goes beyond immediate assistance; we aim to disrupt generational cycles of trauma within families. We strive to do all this relying on the transformative power of Jesus Christ.

## ARTICLE III GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

### 3.1 Statement of Faith

#### I. God the Father

We believe, love and worship the one and only unchanging, sovereign, and loving God, the Creator and Ruler of all things in heaven and earth. God is manifest in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Gen 1:1,26; Ex 20:2-3; Deut 6:4; 1 Chro 29:11-12; Job 38-41; Ps 90:2; Matt 6:9; 1 Peter 1:2

#### II. Jesus Christ (Son)

Jesus Christ, our Lord, is God in the flesh. He is the Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, fully God, fully man, sinless. He died on the cross in our place for our sins, was buried, resurrected from the dead, ascended into heaven, and now sits at the right hand of God the Father, as our Advocate, and will return to judge the living and the dead. Matt 1:18 -23; Luke 1:31-33; John 1:1-18; Acts 1:9-11; Acts 2:22-24; 1 Cor 15; Heb 1:1-3; Rev 5:9-14

#### III. Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, exalting Christ and convicting us of our sin and need for Jesus Christ. He fully lives in every believer from the moment of salvation. He comforts, teaches and empowers us to live in righteousness. He equips every believer with spiritual gifts for service in

the Body of Christ. Matt 1:18; John 14:16-17; John 14:26; John 15:26; John 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor 3:16; 1 Peter 4:10

#### IV. Bible

The Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God to reveal God and His will to man. The Bible has God as its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error. The Bible is the sole authority for Christian living. Deut 4:1-2; Ps 12:6; Ps 19:7-10; Ps 119:105, 160; Heb 4:12; 2 Tim 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21

#### V. Man

Man is made in the image of God – created to worship God, to glorify Him and to have dominion over the earth. Sin separates man from God and man is eternally doomed unless he receives salvation in Jesus Christ. We believe that God wonderfully creates each person as either male or female as acknowledged at and even prior to birth, by virtue of one's biological sex and that these two distinct, unchanging, and complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God. We believe that all human life is sacred and of inestimable worth, including babies in the womb, and we are called to defend, protect, and value all human life across the human lifespan until God determines the end of our days. Gen 1:26; Ps 8:3-6; Acts 17:26-31; Rom 3:10-18, 23

#### VI. Salvation

Since all persons are separated from God by sin and are in need of forgiveness, God offers the free gift of salvation. Each person must individually accept this gift, repent of sin, and place faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Ex 6:2-8; Matt 16:21-26; John 3:15-16; John 17:3; Rom 3:23; Rom 5:1; Rom 6:23; Eph 2:8-9

#### VII. Eternal Security of the Believer

We believe our true salvation, provided by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ alone, is eternally secure. It is imperishable and no man or circumstance can snatch us out of the powerful hand of God because Jesus Christ has made an everlasting covenant with us. 2 Sam 23:5; John 3:36; John 5:24; John 10:28; John 14:6; 2 Tim 1:12; Heb 7:25; 1 Peter 1:4; 1 John 5:11-13

#### VIII. Priesthood of the Believer

Every believer is a minister and has direct access to God through the high priest, Jesus Christ. Eph 3:7; Eph 4:11-16; Heb 4:14 -16; Heb 10:19-22

## IX. Family

The family, composed of persons related by blood, marriage or adoption, is ordained by God as the foundational institution of human society. We believe marriage is a lifetime covenantal relationship commitment of one biological man and one biological woman reflecting the union of Christ and His Church. The framework of marriage provides for the intimate expression of companionship and sexual relationship, including procreation, according to biblical standards. God intends intimate sexual activity and sexual intimacy to occur exclusively within that union and covenantal relationship. Accordingly, we believe that all forms of sexual activity or sexual intimacy outside of the covenantal marriage between one man and one woman are sinful and destructive to human relationships. Children, from the moment of conception, are to be protected, preserved, and valued as a gift of life from God Almighty. Parents are to love, teach, discipline and model biblical truth before their children; children are to honor and obey their parents. Gen 2:18-22; Ex 20:12; Lev 20:13; Deut 6:6-7; Ps 127:3-5; Ps 139:13-16; Prov 22:6; Mark 10:6-9; 1 Cor 7:1-16; Eph 5:21-33

## X. Satan

We believe that Satan, the devil, is the prince of demons and the declared adversary of God and man. However, when the Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross, He limited the power of the devil and guaranteed the ultimate triumph of God. Ephesians 2:2; 1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 20:10; Colossians 2:13-15

### 3.2 Statement on Final Authority

We believe the Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God, speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and appropriate conduct, and the Bible therefore is our final authority for matters of belief and conduct. For purposes of Daughters of Hope Refuge, DBA Onehope Refuge's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Executive Director and the Board of Directors are Daughters of Hope Refuge, DBA Onehope Refuge's final interpretive authority on the Bible's application.