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To: Licensed and Ordained Ministers of the Church of God, and Local Church Representatives.
From: CCOGM Credentials

The new Credentials Manual identifies seven theological commitments common to all Workers and Congregations within the Church of God.

They are:

- 1. Trinitarian Theology.** The doctrine of the Trinity means there is one God who eternally exists as three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. While there are three distinct persons, each person of the Trinity is fully God.
- 2. Sin and Salvation.** Both original sin and our sin separated us from God. Jesus Christ lived a holy life, was crucified on the Cross, and rose from the dead so that we could receive salvation. Through the faithfulness and grace of Jesus, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to choose this gift.
- 3. Holiness.** The Holy Spirit continues to transform us by renewing our minds, understandings, and convictions to align with the mind and heart of Jesus. We are equipped with gifts of the Spirit and empowered to resist the enemy’s temptation and to do the work and will of Father God for the mission of the Church.
- 4. Nature and Authority of the Bible.** The Bible is the authoritative word of God and our rule of faith. This commitment impacts the way we study the Bible, preach, and how we live holy lives.
- 5. Imago Dei.** We were created in the image of God. This unique relationship impacts how we worship and our relationship with all those created in God’s image. Every woman and man who has experienced salvation is gifted by the Holy Spirit and has a unique ministry.
- 6. The Kingdom of God.** The Kingdom is reigning here and now, and as such, citizens of the Kingdom have the power to daily live victoriously in Christ. We have everything needed for every good work and for fulfilling the mission God gave us.
- 7. Unity.** Unity is a means for revealing the nature of God, the transformed life in the Kingdom, and our deep commitment to the mission of reaching the lost. Unity is impossible without holiness, and holiness is evidenced by our unity.

These theological commitments replace the previous 17 Theological Statements. As a Licensed Minister of the Church of God and as a Congregation of the Church of God, we, together stand with these commitments in the way we live our lives, do our ministry, and carry out the work of the Kingdom of God.

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Church Representative Signature

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(If your church has more than one licensed worker, please include their signatures and printed and printed names on an additional sheet when you return this document or a scan of it.)

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Thank you for being an integral part of the CCOGM family.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken DeMaere", is written over a light grey, horizontally-oriented oval background.

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