

CORE COMMITMENTS

Christ-centered Focus: We are committed to glorify God - praising and proclaiming his Son the Lord Jesus Christ and praying for his will to be done in and through our lives.

Complete Faithfulness: We are committed to God's message as declared in his inspired and inerrant Word while inviting dialogue within the bounds of Scripture.

Commission Vision: We are committed to start and to strengthen healthy churches that win, build, equip, and multiply disciples for Jesus Christ.

Cross-cultural Ministry: We are committed to respecting the distinctives of every person & culture while celebrating our deeper identity in Christ & His Word.

Compassion: We are committed to serve the needy and disenfranchised churches and communities.

Cooperation with Others: We are committed to work together with other ministries that share our reformation convictions concerning the Gospel (*sola fide*) and the Bible (*sola scriptura*). This is cooperation that does not compromise our CB distinctives.

Co-laboring within the CB Family of Ministries: We are committed to work together with CB national and international agencies.

Creativity in Ministry: We are committed to flexibility in ministry style.

Conviction Concerning Quality: We are committed to excellence in ministry.

Care for the Family: We are committed to support and strengthen the personal and family wellbeing of spiritual leaders who serve as mission staff and as local church pastors.

**Healthy Churches
Giving Birth to
Healthy Churches
to the
Glory of God!**

Statement of Faith continued

SALVATION: We believe in salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We further believe that this salvation is based upon the sovereign grace of God, & was purchased by Christ on the cross, and is received through faith, apart from any human merit, works, or ritual. We further believe salvation results in righteous living, good works, & proper social concern.

THE CHURCH: We believe that the Church is the spiritual body of which Christ is the head. We believe that the true Church is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit. We believe that this body expresses itself in local assemblies whose members have been immersed upon a credible confession of faith & have associated themselves for worship, for instruction, for evangelism, & for service. We believe the ordinances of the local church are believer's baptism by immersion & the Lord's Supper. We also believe in the interdependence of local churches & the mutual submission of believers to each other in love.

SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE: We believe that each local church is self-governing in function, & must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority. We further believe that every human being is directly responsible to God in matters of faith & life, & that each should be free to worship God according to the dictates of his or her conscience.

CHRISTIAN CONDUCT: We believe that the supreme task of all believers is to glorify God in their lives; that their conduct should be blameless before the world; that they should be faithful stewards of their possessions; & that they should seek to realize for themselves the full stature of maturity in Christ.

LAST THINGS: We believe in the bodily resurrection of the saved & the lost, the eternal existence of both in either heaven or hell, in divine judgments, rewards, & punishments.

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**Making a difference
in the Northeast
by planting & growing
healthy, biblical
churches together!**

MISSION

CBNortheast is the “Conservative Baptist Mission to the Northeast” serving New England and New York. We are a fellowship of churches sharing a common mission: *to help the diverse peoples of the Northeast come to new life and maturity in Christ through healthy, biblical churches.* The role of the association is to facilitate churches working together to accomplish this mission throughout the Northeast.

MESSAGE

We are committed to a passionate love for God and to carrying out His mission by reaching people for Christ through the transforming power of the gospel.

We are committed to being faithful and fruitful in proclaiming the Scriptures. Though our message is conservative (conserving the timeless truths of Scripture), we use creative methods that are consistent with the truths of the Bible to reach people with the unchanging gospel of Christ. We are confident in the truths of God’s inerrant Word. We practice believer’s baptism by immersion and recognize that each local church is self-governing under the Lordship of Christ.

We are interdependent—committed by partnership . . . to make a difference in the lives of people throughout the Northeast!

MINISTRY P.L.A.N.S.

In partnership together our churches will be...

Planting new churches

*Facilitating healthy church starts
Partnering prayer and financial support
Assisting new churches*



Linking together for ministry

*Clusters for pastors and wives
Shared ministries and retreats
Enrichment & leadership training
International and ethnic fellowships*



Assisting each other in crisis

*Conciliation services
Renewing ministry vision
Disaster assistance*



Networking resources together

*Ordination Councils
Pastoral referral
Assisting pastoral search committees
Interim pastors and pulpit supply
Retirement Program*



Strengthening each other

*Ministry tools and ideas
Leadership Training
Church health assessment tools
Percept’s Demographic tools
Praying for our pastors and churches*



STATEMENT OF FAITH

THE WORD OF GOD: We believe the Scriptures of the Old & New Testaments are the inspired Word of God, inerrant in the original writings, complete as the revelation of God’s will for salvation, & the supreme & final authority in all matters to which they speak.

THE TRINITY: We believe in one God, Creator & Sustainer of all things, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, & Holy Spirit; that these are equal in every divine perfection and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence, & redemption.

GOD THE FATHER: We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, & love. We believe He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of humanity, that He hears & answers prayer, & that He saves from sin & death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

JESUS CHRIST: We believe that Jesus Christ is God’s eternal Son, & has precisely the same nature, attributes & perfections as God the Father & God the Holy Spirit. We believe further that He is not only true God, but also true human, conceived by the Holy Spirit & born of the virgin Mary. We also believe in His sinless life, His substitutionary atonement, His bodily resurrection from the dead, His ascension into heaven, His priestly intercession on behalf of His people, & His personal, visible return from heaven.

HOLY SPIRIT: We believe in the Holy Spirit, His personality, & His work in regeneration, sanctification, & preservation. His ministry is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, & implement Christ’s work of redeeming the lost & empowering the believer for godly living & service.

HUMANITY: We believe God created humanity, male & female, in the image of God & free from sin. We further believe all people are sinners by nature & choice & are therefore spiritually dead. We also believe that those who repent of sin & trust Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit.

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