

Centre Ministries Admissions Policy

Welcome

Centre Ministries is delighted to extend a warm welcome to our guest base drawn from churches and a range of Christian bodies and those to whom they minister. We enthusiastically welcome schools, who wish to experience and learn from our Christian ethos, environment and values.

Our centres are well placed for our guests to experience the generous love of God in creation. We believe that mankind was created in the image of God, and that all people have equal dignity and worth. We especially hope and pray that our guests will be blessed by the revelation of God in His Holy Word, the Bible, and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Aims

The aim of this policy is to ensure that, in extending our welcome, the resources of the Charity are used in a way which will advance our objects – namely, the conduct of conference centres for the advancement of the Christian faith, in accordance with the Bible, which shall be taken as inspired and authoritative.

Policy

In pursuit of our aims we require that all teaching undertaken at our centres accords with traditional mainstream Christian beliefs summarised in the Evangelical Alliance Basis of Faith (below) and that all groups refrain from promoting theological and ethical views or engaging in behaviour that would conflict with these beliefs.

Statement of Faith

We believe in...

- 1. The one true God who lives eternally in three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit^a.**
- 2. The love^a, grace^b and sovereignty^c of God in creating^d, sustaining^e, ruling^f, redeeming^g and judging the world^h.**
- 3. The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God—fully trustworthy for faith and conduct^a.**
- 4. The dignity of all people, made male and female in God's image^a to love^b, be holy^c and care for creation^d, yet corrupted by sin^e, which incurs divine wrath and judgement^f.**
- 5. The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ—born of the virgin Mary^a; truly divine^b and truly human^c, yet without sin^d.**
- 6. The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God^a.**
- 7. The bodily resurrection of Christ^a, the first fruits of our resurrection^b; His ascension to the Father^c, and His reign^d and mediation as the only Saviour of the world^e.**
- 8. The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ^a.**
- 9. The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance^a, unites us with Christ through new birth^b, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness^c.**

10. **The Church, the body of Christ^a both local^b and universal^c, the priesthood of all believers^d— given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts^e to worship God^f and proclaim the gospel^g, promoting justice and love^h.**
11. **The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God^a, who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost^b, and establish a new heaven and new earth^c.**

Should you require further clarification on any matter, please do not hesitate to contact us. We trust that whether your group can align with this policy or not, you will understand that we have established these guidelines to preserve the Christian integrity of our centres. We would like to stress that wherever we can, we want to welcome your group and seek to serve your needs.

Scripture References

1. ^a(Gen. 1:26; Matt. 3:15-17; 1John 5:7).
2. ^a(1John 4:8, 10) ^b(Eph. 3:7) ^c(Ps. 47:7-8; 135:6-7; Eph. 3:20-21) ^d(Gen. 1:1; Ex. 20:11; Ps. 33:6) ^e(Matt. 6:25-34; Heb. 13:5-6) ^f(Job 12:23-25; Dan. 2:20-21) ^g(John 3:16) ^h(Jer. 17:9-10; Gal. 6:7; Rev. 20:11-15)
3. ^a(2Tim. 3:16-17; 1Peter 1:24-25; 2Peter 1:20-21).
4. ^a(Gen. 1:27; Is. 64:8) ^b(Matt. 22:37-38; John 13:34-35) ^c(1Peter 1:15-16) ^d(Gen. 1:28) ^e(Rom. 3:23; 5:6-8, 12; 6:23) ^f(Rom. 6:23a; Heb. 9:27)
5. ^a(Is. 7:14; Luke 1:34-35) ^b(John 1:1-3; Co1:15-19; Heb. 1:1-10) ^c(John 1:14; Heb. 2:17-18) ^d(2Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:14-15; 7:26)
6. ^a(Rom. 3:22-26; 5:9-11, 13-21; Col. 1:12-14; Heb. 9:11-15, 22, 28; 10:12-14)
7. ^a(1Cor. 15:1-5) ^b(1Cor. 15:20-23) ^c(Acts 1:4-10) ^d(Phil. 2:5-11) ^e(John 8:24, 14:6; Acts 4:12)
8. ^a(Eph. 2:4-9; Titus 3:5-7)
9. ^a(John 16:7-11) ^b(Rom. 8:1-17) ^c(John 14:16, 26; 15:26-27; 16:13-15; 1Cor. 3:16, 6:19-20, 12:7, 11)
10. ^a(1Cor. 12:14-27) ^b(1Cor. 1:2; Gal. 1:2; 1Thes. 1:1) ^c(Eph. 1:22-23) ^d(1Peter 2:9) ^e(Rom. 12:5-8; 1Cor. 12:8-10, 28-30; Eph. 4:11-12) ^f(John 4:24) ^g(Acts 1:8; 2Cor. 5:18-20) ^h(Gal. 5:22-25)
11. ^a(John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11) ^b(John 5:22-29; 2Thes. 1:7-10; 2Tim. 4:1) ^c(Rev. 21:1-5)