We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ and that all true believers are members of His body, the Church.

THIS WE BELIEVE: THERE IS ONE BODY

John 17:20-23

"all those who WILL believe in Me" - every true Christfollower

"that all of them may be one" – a call to unity

"as You are in Me and I am in You" – that's tight!

John 14:9; Col. 1:15-20

"to let the world know" - that's mission!

1 COR. 12:12-13A, 20, 27

The illustration of the human body helps us understand the oneness. Self-harm is recognized as unhealthy in the physical realm, just as a believer causing harm to the Body of Christ is.

Our union and our participation is born of the Spirit, making us mindful that there is no room for pride.

If you are in Christ, you are a necessary part of the Body. You are vital to a proper, fully-functioning body

EPH 4:1-6

Walk worthy.

Live in an attitude of humility, gentleness, patience and forbearance. How do we do that?

See Gal. 5:22-23

Make every effort to maintain unity within the Church (those who in Christ through the Spirit)

There is:

ONE body – not many. We must war against the competitive nonsense that divides the Body

ONE Spirit – fully God

ONE hope – in Christ alone

ONE Lord – before whom every knee will bow

ONE faith – saving faith, that is

ONE baptism – public confession of faith in Christ

ONE God and Father of all

A REFRESHER:

The One Anothers

Accept...Rom. 15:7

Admonish...Col. 3:16

Be at peace w/...Mk 9:50

Be devoted to/honor...Rom. 12:10

Be kind/compassionate to...Eph 4:32

Carry burdens for...Gal 6:2

Confess sins to/pray for...James 5:16

Encourage...1 Thess. 5:11

Forbear...Eph. 4:2

Forgive...Eph. 4:32

Greet...Rom. 16:16

Love...John 13:34

Serve...Gal. 5:13

Stir up...toward love and good deeds Heb. 10:24 Stop passing judgment on...Rom. 14:13 Submit to...Eph. 5:21 Wash feet...John 13:14 As a result of this conviction that there is ONE body, we must not only put these things into practice in the local fellowship of believers but also in the broader Church.

We celebrate Kingdom successes with our brothers and sisters who meet under another roof, and we pray fervently for their ministries.