



STATEMENT OF ETHICAL VALUES Multnomah University

As a private religious and educational institution, Multnomah, from its beginning, has provided a learning environment in harmony with biblical truths and historic evangelical Christian values. In subscribing to its corporation mission of training the people of God in the Word of God to touch the world for God, Multnomah's Board of Trustees also considers it necessary for the accomplishment of the institution's mission and vision that its faculty, staff, and volunteer trustee members fully understand and embrace the following value statements:

1. As Christians, we regard the Bible as God's eternal and authoritative Word, sufficient and authoritative in matters relating to values, attitudes, and behaviors in all relationships. Therefore, we seek to foster the development of spiritual maturity by maintaining personal spiritual disciplines and by regularly participating in worship in a local Christian church that stresses biblical authority and personal conversion. Furthermore, as faculty, staff, and trustees we also understand and accept our responsibility to demonstrate by precept and example the highest of Christian virtues and personal behavior, serving as Christian role models both at and away from Multnomah's campus. 1 Tim. 4:12; Luke 6:40.

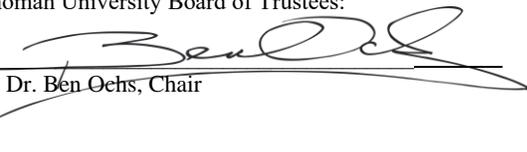
2. As Christians who have accepted Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior, we believe the Bible dictates our standards for moral purity. Accordingly, we affirm that such immoral behaviors as falsehood, drunkenness, stealing, and sexual immorality (including premarital intercourse, adultery and homosexual behavior) will not be tolerated among Multnomah's faculty, staff, and trustees. (See [Multnomah's Human Sexuality and Purity Understanding](#) located on the website under policies for more in-depth treatment of sexual morality expectations.) Furthermore, it is essential to the perpetuation of Multnomah's founding purpose and mission that the administration and board recruit individuals for faculty, staff, and Trusteeship whose personal and public lives are above reproach. Rom. 1:24-32; 12:1-2; 1 Cor. 6:9-20; Eph. 5:3-5; 1 Thess. 4:3-8; 1 Tim. 4:12; 2 Tim. 2:19-22; 1 Pet. 1:15-16; 2:15-17; 1 John 3:1-3.

3. All persons are entitled to respect of their individual rights, including freedom from sexual or racial harassment. We accept our responsibility as faculty, staff, and trustees to recognize, to refrain from, and to remedy acts of unlawful discrimination and sexual or racial harassment as stipulated by law. Accordingly, as administration and board, we value our leadership role in providing a safe and supportive environment where all persons are respected as image bearers of God. Gen. 1:26-30; Jam. 3:9-10; Gal. 3:29.

4. We believe that the Bible commands us to make every effort to live at peace with one another and, where conflict or sin occurs in the Multnomah community, a biblical process such as stated in Matthew 18:15-20 should be followed to seek correction, forgiveness, restitution, and reconciliation. We further agree that any claim or dispute arising out of our service as faculty, staff, or trustees, including statutory claims, shall be settled by biblically based mediation. 1 Cor. 6:1-8; Eph. 4:1-11; 1 Tim. 5:19-21; Tit. 3:10-11.

For Multnomah University Board of Trustees:

Signature


Dr. Ben Ochs, Chair

The undersigned fully understands the importance of the above Statement of Multnomah's Ethical Values and Human Sexuality and Purity Understanding and does hereby sign this document agreeing to abide by and support these principles.

Name _____ Signature _____

Date _____



MULTNOMAH DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Approved by Board of Trustees on February 4, 2006

Article I. Revelation, Scripture, and Authority

We believe that God is revealed in creation, in the Holy Scriptures, and in Jesus Christ, the apex of revelation. The Scriptures, all sixty-six Old and New Testament books, are divinely authoritative in all they affirm. (Ps. 19:1-6; Heb. 1:1-2; John 17:17)

We believe in the verbal, plenary inspiration of Scripture. This means the Holy Spirit dynamically superintended the verbal expressions of the human authors of Scripture so that the very thoughts God intended were accurately penned in the wording of the original manuscripts. (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; 1 Cor. 2:13)

We believe the Scripture is inerrant as to fact and infallibly trustworthy as to truth, and should be interpreted in context to ascertain each author's intended meaning. Our present Bible continues to bear the final authoritative instruction of God for the church and the world. (John 10:35b; Ps. 19:7; Matt. 5:17-18)

Article II. The Divine Trinity

We believe in God, the one true, infinite, personal spirit who created and governs all things and who is the sole object of our worship. This one God has always existed in eternal relationship as three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—each identical in nature, equal in power and glory, and having precisely the same divine attributes. (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; John 4:24)

Article III. God the Father

We believe that God the Father is the holy and loving Creator of all things. Unlimited in time, space, knowledge, and power, the Father has planned all that comes to pass. Although distinct from His creation, He is immanently at work in it. (Ps. 139: 1-16; 1 Cor. 8:6; John 5:17)

Article IV. God the Son

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. He became man, without ceasing to be God, and was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary in order to redeem sinful humanity. He satisfied God's holy and just demands by dying as our substitute on the cross. He assured our redemption by His resurrection from the dead in the same, though glorified, body in which He was crucified. (John 1:1-2; Luke 1:35; Rom. 3:24-25; 1 Pet. 1:3-5)

We believe Jesus Christ ascended to heaven and is exalted at the right hand of the Father. As High Priest for His people, He serves as our Intercessor and Advocate. (Heb. 9:24, 7:25; Rom. 8:34; 1 John 2:1-2)

Article V. God the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the transforming agent who effectively imparts Christ's new life to all who believe. He baptizes them into the body of Christ, dwells within all believers, seals them for the day of redemption, and empowers them in holiness and love to serve God and His church. (Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 12:12-14; Eph. 1:13-14, Gal. 5:22-25)

Article VI. The Creation and Fall of Humanity

We believe that all human beings are created in the image of God. Through Adam's disobedience, we by nature became alienated from God, acquired a destructive disposition to sin, and came under the judicial sentence of death. (Gen. 1:25-27; Rom. 3:22-23; 5:12-21; Eph. 2:1-3, 12)

Article VII. Salvation

We believe that salvation is the gift of God offered to all humanity by grace and received through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. This faith is manifested in works pleasing to God. (Eph. 2:8-10; Tit. 2:11-14)

We believe that all true believers, having been justified, shall be kept saved forever. (Rom. 8:1, 38, 39; John 10:27-30; Phil. 1:6)

Article VIII. The Church

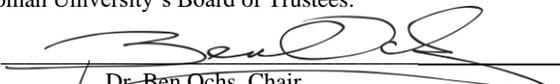
We believe the Church, having begun at Pentecost, is the body of Christ and the temple of the Holy Spirit, a spiritual community of all believers. Local gatherings of believers represent Christ's presence on earth as they love one another and manifest Christ's love to the world. (Eph. 1:22-23, 5:25-27; 1 Cor. 12:12-14)

Article IX. Human Destiny

We believe in the physical resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous: the righteous to eternal fellowship with God, the unrighteous to eternal punishment, and conscious separation from God. (Mark 9:43-48; Rev. 20:15, 22:3-5, 11)

We believe in the premillennial return of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His kingdom reign upon the earth, and in a glorious, new heaven and earth where redeemed humanity will dwell forever with God. (1 Thess. 4:13-18; Zech. 14:4-11; Rev. 20:6)

For Multnomah University's Board of Trustees:

Signature: 
Dr. Ben Ochs, Chair

I hereby sign the above statement of doctrine heartily and without mental reservations.

Name: _____ Signature _____ Date: _____