

## WHAT WE BELIEVE!

1. We believe the Bible is God's written Word, uniquely inspired by the Holy Spirit. It bears unerring witness to Jesus Christ, the Living Word. The Bible has authority over all human life. Free Methodists practice a positive holiness that is a disciplined lifestyle motivated by Christian love and grace. The holy life, a life of wholeness, is a life lived at its best. It is the normal way for Christians to live.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential. The Free Methodist Church is not satisfied with just talk. Standards of conduct, detailed in our Partnership Promise spell out practical guidelines for living a truly holy life. In this way our walk and talk match up.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved to the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
8. Our Methodist heritage is lived out in social sensitivity, in Christian love shown through compassion and service. In the UK, North America and world-wide, the Free Methodist Church sponsors programmes to meet human need: hospitals, schools, homes for the elderly, and a worldwide child sponsorship programme.

9. The Free Methodist Church believes that Christianity and education go together. B.T. Roberts, founder of Free Methodism, also started its first school, Chili Seminary (now Roberts Wesleyan College in North Chili, New York, USA). Today, in the UK, representatives of the FM Church are working in schools: delivering lessons and assemblies, serving as governors, employed as teaching professionals working in many different schools. Concern for quality Christian education is also reflected in local churches through Sunday School classes and midweek programmes for all ages.
10. Winning people to Christ is at the heart of all that Free Methodist people do. Evangelism involves honest concern for others. The Free Methodist Church has a vigorous plan for reaching people for Christ and planting new churches. The mission statement declares that the church is to make known to people everywhere God's message of good news. The Free Methodist Church maintains an active foreign missions programme of evangelism and education.
11. Free Methodists are a connected people sharing resources in order to do the Lord's work. Here in the UK, pastors meet up twice a year to develop and maintain good relationships between the churches. The Annual Conference Celebration is an opportunity for people from all over the UK to get together and fellowship as one church family. Churches local to each other work together in youth and children's work and outreach events. The Book of Discipline helps to bind the church together with a common set of beliefs and a shared heritage. Globally, Free Methodists join under a common Constitution.