

Statement of Faith

We desire to be a church that majors on the majors and minors on the minors seeking unity in every possible situation with other believers. We desire to be a church that successfully connects to its community and culture while maintaining the eternal truth that we have as our foundation. Our foundational beliefs include but are not limited to the following.

Our God - We believe in one God, who has revealed himself in three persons, who are equal, same and unique as one God. We believe that God is eternal, existing before all time, in all time and throughout all time.

Our Savior - We believe that Jesus Christ the son of God, born of the virgin Mary is the Messiah, prophesied of in the Old Testament fulfilling all prophecies, He lived a perfect sinless life, surrendered Himself to be crucified, was dead for three days and rose from the grave conquering sin and death. Jesus then ascended into heaven where he is now seated at the right hand of God. We believe Christ will return one day just as he left to claim His bride the Church.

Our Salvation - We believe that Jesus' death, burial and resurrection has paid the debt of all sins for all mankind. That through the sacrifice of Jesus we now inherit the free gift offered to all who wish to take it. Entering into a relationship with God through Christ the separation between man and God can be removed and we may be forever connected to God.

The Church - We believe that the Church is a universal body composed of all believers of all times and places. One untied body with Christ as the head. The church is the plan and organization God has sent to carry the gospel the good news of Christ to the world.

The Bible - We believe the Bible is the written word of God, that it was written by men inspired and controlled by the Holy Spirit. We believe the Bible is without error and has final authority in our church and in our lives.

Our Church - We believe our church is a local expression of the Church, one of many expressions, meant to provide community, teaching, growth and above all to carry out the mission of the Church in our local area, to share the message of the gospel with all we can.

Our Lives - We believe that those who have claimed to submit to Christ as their Lord and Savior are now tasked to spend their lives in the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit in pursuit of Jesus, to now live as Christ and for Christ. Always seeking to first build his kingdom, recognizing that our lives are no longer our own but His because of His work on the cross. Offering ourselves as living sacrifices to serve God's kingdom.

Our Goal - We seek to grow the kingdom of God spreading His glory, by building relationships and people both inside and outside our local context.

Facility Use Policy

Purpose Statement

The church's facilities were provided through God's benevolence and by the sacrificial generosity of church members. The church desires that its facilities be used for the exaltation of God, the edification of the Body, and the evangelism of the lost. Although the facilities are not generally open to the public, we occasionally make our facilities available to approved non-members as a witness to our faith, in a spirit of Christian charity, and as a means of demonstrating the Gospel of Jesus Christ in practice. Facility use will not be permitted to persons or groups holding, advancing, or advocating beliefs or practices that conflict with Axiom Church's faith or moral teachings, which are summarized in, among other places, the church's constitution and bylaws. Nor may church facilities be used for activities that contradict, or are deemed inconsistent with, the church's faith or moral teachings. The pastor, or the board, is the final decision-maker concerning use of church facilities.

Our facility use policy is necessary for two important reasons.

First, the church may not in good conscience materially cooperate in activities or beliefs that are contrary to its faith. Allowing its facilities to be used for purposes that contradict the church's beliefs would be material cooperation with that activity, and would be a grave violation of the church's faith and religious practice. (2 Cor 6:14; 1 Thess 5:22.)

Second, it is very important that the church present a consistent message to the community, and that the church staff and members conscientiously maintain that message as part of their witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Allowing facilities to be used by groups or persons who express beliefs or engage in practices contrary to the church's faith would have a severe, negative impact on the message that the church strives to promote. It could also cause confusion and scandal to church members and the community because they may reasonably perceive that by allowing use of our facilities, the church agrees with the beliefs or practices of the persons or groups using its facilities.

Therefore, in no event shall persons or groups who hold, advance, or advocate beliefs, or advance, advocate, or engage in practices that contradict the church's faith use any church facility. Nor may church facilities be used in any way that contradicts the church's faith. This policy applies to all church facilities and property.

Approved Users and Priority of Use

The pastor or the board must approve all uses of church facilities. Priority shall be given to church events and activities, church members, and organized groups that are considered to be an active part of the ministry of the church. Church facilities and equipment may be made available to non-members or outside groups if they meet the following qualifications:

- Groups or persons requesting facility use must affirm that their beliefs, practices, and planned uses of the facilities are consistent with the church's faith and practice.
- The group or person seeking facility use must submit a signed "Facility Reservation Request and Agreement" form.

- The group or person seeking facility use must be willing to take responsibility for the facilities and equipment used and must agree to abide by the church's rules of conduct for facility use, as stated below, and as described in any additional instructions by church staff.

Scheduling Events

Facility use requests shall be made to the Office Administrator by submitting the "Church Facility Reservation Request and Agreement" form. The event will be reserved and placed on the church calendar when approved.

Fees

Use of church facilities requires a \$200 refundable security deposit in case of any damages to the facility or the need for additional cleaning by our custodial staff. Church members are exempt from this requirement because maintenance of the facilities is derived from member tithes and offerings.

Facility Use Guidelines

Alcohol and Drug Policy: No alcohol or drugs may be served, consumed, or used in church facilities or on church property.

Smoking Policy: Smoking on church property is prohibited.

Groups are restricted to only those areas of the facility that the group has reserved.

Church equipment, such as tables and chairs, must be returned to original placement, unless arranged with the custodial staff otherwise prior to the event.

All lights must be turned off and doors locked upon departure.

Groups are responsible to clean up the area they are using, return it to the state it was in on arrival, and take trash to the dumpster.

Abusive or foul language, violent behavior, and the use of drugs or alcohol are strictly prohibited on church property.

Any person engaging in such behavior will be required to immediately leave church property.

Any person or group must sign the "Facility Reservation Request and Agreement" form prior to reservation of church facilities.

If the event requires some form of child care

Weddings: The church facilities are available for weddings according to the Wedding Policy. See the Wedding Policy and application for any wedding related facility use.

Facility Reservation Request and Agreement

Personal Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
Address: _____ Apt.# _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Primary Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Please state whether you are a: Church Member Non-Member Non-Member Group

If the requested use is by an organization not affiliated with the church, please briefly state the organization's purpose and mission: _____

Event Information

Event Purpose: _____
Date: _____ Time In: _____ Time Out: _____ Actual Event Time: _____
Recurring Event: frequency: _____
Room(s) Requested: _____

_____ Room

Set Up & Other Needs: _____

I affirm that:

I understand that the church does not allow its facilities to be used in a way that contradicts its Statement of Faith or by persons or groups holding beliefs that contradict it. *

To the best of my knowledge the purpose for which I am requesting use of church facilities will not contradict the church's Statement of Faith, and I will promptly disclose any potential conflict of which I am aware or become aware to church staff.

I will disclose any beliefs that are professed by me or the organization I represent and which are requesting use of the church's facilities that contradict the church's Statement of Faith.

I understand that the church does not allow its facilities to be generally available to the public, and that my use of these facilities is subject to approval, which is conditioned in part on my agreement to the requirements in the "Church Facility Use Policy," a copy of which I have read and understood.

I understand that I will be responsible for any damages to the church facilities resulting from this proposed use of facilities.

Name _____ Date _____

* A copy of our Statement of Faith is available on request

*Please submit to the Office Administrator no later than 7 business days to the day of the event in person or via email at office@axiom.church