

ABOUT US

True Path to God is a ministry of the Free Reformed Churches of North America. Under the direction of the Home Missions Committee, and with the active support of the Evangelism Committee, we are reaching out to our Punjabi speaking neighbours. To do so we are cooperating with other local ministries to the Indo-Canadian community in order to send out the gospel in Punjabi.

The FRCNA is a small denomination of about twenty congregations spread out across Canada and the US. For a complete overview of who we are, what we believe and strive for, visit our denominational website at www.frcna.org. Some basic information particularly pertinent to the True Path to God ministry is extracted from that site to give a basic introduction.

We hold to a high view of the Bible. The Scriptures do not merely contain the Word of God; they are the Word of God. We regard the Scriptures as the revelation of God and His infallible Word. "*All scripture,*" every text of Scripture, has been inspired by the Holy Spirit, "*and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness*" (2 Timothy 3:16). The Spirit kept the Bible writers from error and ensured they wrote precisely what God wanted them to write. The Bible is totally true and trustworthy. God gave the Bible to the church to give clear direction on all matters of faith and life for every period of time. Our ears must therefore always be open to the Bible's summons to repentance, faith, worship, obedience, and perseverance. Therefore, the church can be recognized by its faithful declaration and obedient receiving of the Scriptures as the Word of God.

We believe the Lord has given the church a vital task to perform in connection with man's salvation. He calls the church to the work of evangelism in the community where it is located and beyond. Moved, therefore, by the misery of the lost people around us and the glory and command of the Gospel, we wish to bring the message of the Gospel to people in our community and to those on mission fields. We desire to invite outsiders, such as our neighbours and other unbelievers, to assemble with us to hear the Gospel. We desire that in this way men and women, young people and children, may come to know and believe in the only true God and Jesus Christ Whom He has sent.

We realize that there are Christians who are opposed to the very idea of a creed. For them, "the Bible, the Bible alone, is the religion of a Christian!" Such an assertion, however, is in itself already a creedal affirmation. The thing to remember is that a creed is always to be subordinate to Scripture. For us Scripture is the supreme standard and our creeds insist on this very emphatically.

Article V of the Belgic Confession of Faith states that "*we receive ... only the books of the Bible as holy and canonical, for the regulation, foundation, and confirmation of our faith.*"

The creeds are not intended to take the place of Scriptures. Neither are they intended to revise or improve what Scripture says.

As Free Reformed Churches we fully subscribe to the three creeds of the early church:

- (i) the Apostles' Creed (+150 A.D.);
- (ii) the Nicene Creed (381 A.D.); and
- (iii) the Athanasian Creed (500 A.D.).

We also fully subscribe to three of the historic Reformed creeds:

- (i) the Belgic Confession of Faith (1561);
- (ii) the Heidelberg Catechism (1563); and
- (ii) the Canons of Dort (1618-1619).

In our creeds we affirm the sovereignty of our God and the deity and real and perfect humanity of Christ. We assert the total depravity of man, the sacrificial death of Christ as substitutionary atonement, justification by faith alone, sovereign election, and sovereign grace. We confess the consubstantial deity and authentic personalness of the Holy Spirit who makes us partakers of the righteousness and holiness of Christ. We believe what the Bible says about heaven and hell. Scripture requires that on these doctrines we may not tolerate ambiguity nor compromise.