

## **D. Ian MacInnes-Green**

### **Statement of Faith**

In the words of my late wife, the Reverend Kimberlee MacInnes-Green: I believe in One God that is the greatest artisan and creator of all. This God has and is still, weaving all of creation into a glorious tapestry of sun and stars, earth and planets, plants and animals, universes and galaxies until all is completed in the warp and weft. This God dances, sings, paints, molds, orchestrates and is in all of Creation from before the beginning, in the present, and into the future. God loves her creation and calls it good. God loves the creation so much that she sent her only son to call us back to the right path. Because God lacked a back to be beaten he became flesh to perform compassion as well as to preach compassion.

I believe that Jesus of Nazareth is the incarnation of God here on earth. His iridescent thread is seen in the tapestry of God throughout all of time and space from the beginning to the end. As Immanuel he taught, healed, cast out demons, performed miracles, and called humanity to its greatest task: Loving God with all that we are and loving neighbor as our self. His greatest gift of love was to die for us so that our sin would be forgiven. In the greatest act of reconciliation and compassion, Jesus suffered, died and was resurrected for us.

I believe in the mystery of the Trinity.

I believe the Scriptures are the inspired Word of God.

I believe the church is to continue the acts of peace, justice and compassion that Christ calls her to. It is in the church that we feed on the Word of God. It is in the church that we begin our journey with Christ through Baptism. It is in the church that we are fed for the continuing journey through the Lord's Supper. It is in the church that we are taught that God continues to be with us as we learn our history and tradition. Having thus been fed we, as followers of Christ, are to go into the world and continue the work we have been called to by our Savior until he comes again.