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# BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (STUDENT)

Welcome to Underwood University! We are glad that you have decided to further your academic ambitions with us. As you are aware, Underwood is a Christian, faith-based institution of higher learning, and as such, our mission and our institutional policies are founded in biblical principles. The Biblical Foundations Statement below lists the principles upon which Underwood was founded and upon which it operates. Please read this Statement carefully, along with the agreement at the end of this form. By signing this form, you agree that you will respect and abide by the Biblical Foundations Statement during your time at Underwood.

## BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS STATEMENT

We believe in the divine inspiration and power of the Bible as the authoritative Word of God, and it is our guide in all matters.

We believe in the triune Godhead: one eternal, transcendent, omnipotent, personal God existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We believe in God the Father, the first person of the Divine Trinity; sovereign and eternal, who is worthy of honor, adoration, and obedience.

We believe that divinity and humanity are united in the person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Redeemer of mankind, who gave his life that we may be forgiven our sins and become worthy to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead, who dwells within and seals all believers in Christ. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to all believers, through which they may come to a deeper understanding of God and can help bring the light of Christ to the world.

We believe in the redemptive sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the sins of the world, through His physical death, burial, resurrection, and ascension into heaven. Christ is the key to our salvation, and only through him may we enter the Kingdom of God. The sacrifice, death and resurrection of Christ redeemed humanity from the eternal penalty of sin, through the grace of God.

We believe in the return of Christ to earth to judge and purge sin, to establish His eternal Kingdom, and to consummate and fulfill His purposes in the works of creation and redemption with eternal rewards and punishments.

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We believe that it is the purpose of the faithful Christian to imitate Christ insofar as we are able; to serve others with love and compassion, to concern ourselves with the well-being of our fellows, to love and honor God as our Father and Creator, and to follow His calling through the Holy Spirit. We follow the command of Christ found in Matthew 22: 37-39:

*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.*

**I hereby agree that I have read and understand the information contained in the above Biblical Foundations Statement, and that I agree to respect and abide by its tenets during my tenure as a student of Underwood University.**

Signature _____

Name _____

Date _____

***This form is to be kept in the student's file along with other admissions paperwork.***

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