

OLIVE BRANCH FELLOWSHIP: BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1: ORGANIZATION

1.1 Name: The name of this organization is **Olive Branch Fellowship**.

1.2 Principal Office: The principal office of the corporation will be in the County of Cottage Grove, Oregon, or such other place within the state of Oregon as the Board of Elders may determine from time to time.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

1. As a community of believers in Messiah Yeshua, to establish and maintain a place of worship of the Three-In-One G-d.
2. To be a community that fosters the growth of Christian and Messianic Jews.
3. To be a community which leads others, especially Jewish people, to faith in G-d the Father and Messiah Yeshua the Son.
4. To be a community which demonstrates our unity with the Church.
5. To be a community which identifies with Israel and the Jewish people.

ARTICLE 3: STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. BIBLE

We believe the Bible consists of the Tenach (the Torah, the Prophets and the Writings) and the New Covenant (New Testament). We believe the Bible is the only infallible, inerrant, and authoritative word of G-d. We recognize its divine inspiration and accept its teachings as our final authority in all matters of faith and practice.

2. G-d

We believe G-d is a unity, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe G-d the Father is the High King of Heaven. He is eternal. He is Spirit. He is a person.

We believe Messiah Yeshua is the eternal Son of G-d. He is equal to G-d the Father in nature but lesser in authority. He is fully G-d and fully man. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died an atoning death, was buried and resurrected. He ascended to Heaven and will return in power and glory to Earth to fulfill the prophesied purposes concerning His kingdom.

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We believe G-d the Holy Spirit is a person. He was active in the creation of the universe. He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment; He regenerates, sanctifies, immerses, indwells, seals, empowers, illumines, guides, teaches and gives gifts to Christians and Messianic Jews

3. SALVATION.

We believe human beings were created in the image of G-d but through disobedience became alienated from G-d. Human beings are born with a sin nature. When we have faith in Messiah Yeshua, we receive a new nature. We believe that Yeshua died for our sins and that all who believe in Him are reconciled to G-d not by any of their own efforts but by Messiah's righteousness and atoning blood. We believe that personal faith in Yeshua is the only way of salvation.

4. RESURRECTION AND JUDGEMENT

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the righteous and the wicked. The righteous will experience everlasting life and the wicked will experience the second death in Hell.

5. ISRAEL

We believe in the physical and spiritual restoration of Israel and that the re-establishment of the state of Israel is the fulfillment of prophecy. We believe G-d's calling for Israel is irrevocable. We reject "Replacement Theology." We believe Jewish people who have faith in Messiah Yeshua continue to be Jewish and Gentiles who follow Yeshua are "grafted in" and are united to the faithful remnant of Israel.

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Reception into Membership: Christians and Messianic Jews may apply for membership. For reception into membership, applicants must:

1. Have faith in Messiah Yeshua.
2. Be baptized.
3. Have completed the application process for membership. This may be waived partially or totally at the discretion of the Elders.
4. Agree with Olive Branch Fellowship's doctrinal statement.
5. Not hold membership in any other congregation.
6. Have received the approval of the Elders.