

BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF FAITH AND GROUP AGREEMENT WITH BGEA GUIDELINES

The Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove (The Cove) is a ministry of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA). The Cove is purposed to be a place of spiritual refreshment, where, as Billy and Ruth Graham said, people can leave behind the distractions of life and focus on God and His Word. BGEA intends for the Lord Jesus Christ to be glorified and its Statement of Faith to be affirmed by the way The Cove is used and operated. The Cove is made available for ministry use by persons and/or groups who hold beliefs and engage in practices that are consistent with The Cove's purpose and BGEA's Statement of Faith. The Cove may not be used for activities that are inconsistent with those standards. Permitted activities include, but are not limited to, prayer, Bible study, evangelism training, worship, ministry planning, discipleship, sharing of Christian testimonies, ministry skills training, and ministry reporting to donors. BGEA reserves the right to refuse access, or to withdraw permission and excuse from the property, any individual or group, for any reason, at any time.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God revealing the love of God to the world.

1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; John 3:16.

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19; John 10:30; Ephesians 4:4-6.

We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

Matthew 1:23; John 1:1-4 and 1:29; Acts 1:11 and 2:22-24; Romans 8:34; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 1:1-4 and 4:15.

We believe that all men everywhere are lost and face the judgment of God, that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation, and that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, repentance of sin and faith in Jesus Christ results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit. Furthermore we believe that God will reward the righteous with eternal life in heaven, and that He will banish the unrighteous to everlasting punishment in hell.

Luke 24:46-47; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23; 2 Corinthians 5:10-11; Ephesians 1:7 and 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-7.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, whose indwelling enables the Christian to live a godly life.

John 3:5-8; Acts 1:8 and 4:31; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 2:14; Galatians 5:16-18; Ephesians 6:12; Colossians 2:6-10.

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the saved unto the resurrection of eternal life and the lost unto the resurrection of damnation and eternal punishment.

1 Corinthians 15:51-57; Revelation 20:11-15.

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and that all true believers are members of His body, the church.

1 Corinthians 12:12, 27; Ephesians 1:22-23.

We believe that the ministry of evangelism (sharing and proclaiming the message of salvation only possible by grace through faith in Jesus Christ) and discipleship (helping followers of Christ grow up in maturity in Christ) is a responsibility of all followers of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:9-15; 1 Peter 3:15.

We believe God's plan for human sexuality is to be expressed only within the context of marriage, that God created man and woman as unique biological persons made to complete each other. God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. For this reason, we believe that marriage is exclusively the union of one genetic male and one genetic female.

Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5-6; Mark 10:6-9; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9.

We believe that we must dedicate ourselves to prayer, to the service of our Lord, to His authority over our lives, and to the ministry of evangelism.

Matthew 9:35-38; 22:37-39, and 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:9-15 and 12:20-21; Galatians 6:10; Colossians 2:6-10; 1 Peter 3:15.

We believe that human life is sacred from conception to its natural end; and that we must have concern for the physical and spiritual needs of our fellowmen.

Psalms 139:13; Isaiah 49:1; Jeremiah 1:5; Matthew 22:37-39; Romans 12:20-21; Galatians 6:10.

OUR GROUP'S AGREEMENT WITH BGEA GUIDELINES

We agree that we will do nothing by word or act, or allow any participant, speaker or musician to do likewise, that will in anyway detract from or be contradictory to BGEA's Statement of Faith. We will ensure that the program content of our Event is honoring to God and adheres to communicating biblical truth.

We agree to abide by the guidelines described in this Event Contract, those posted on the grounds, and those communicated to us by The Cove Staff.

We agree that our participants will not arrive on The Cove property before **3:00 P.M.** on the beginning date of our Event and will vacate The Cove property no later than **10:00 P.M.** on the last day of our Event.

We agree our participants will check out of the lodging units no later than 10:00 A.M. on the day of our departure, unless otherwise indicated.

We agree that our participants will not bring alcoholic beverages, pets, firearms, weapons, candles, illegal drugs or any illegal items onto The Cove's property.

We agree that our participants will not smoke in The Cove's buildings or on Cove property, except in vehicle parking areas.

We understand that the menu items for our meals will be selected by The Cove's Food Service Staff, and that it will not be possible to have food prepared in ways to accommodate the unique diets or desires of our participants, staff, speaker(s) or musician(s).

We agree to be responsible for any damage to Cove property that occurs during the use of same by our Group or any related party. We understand we may not have exclusive use of Cove property, unless previously arranged with The Cove.

We will not hold The Cove liable for participant accidents or injuries occurring while traveling to or from The Cove, or while participating in activities on or off The Cove property during the Event dates.

We understand that the Training Center building will close nightly at 11:00 P.M. and will be opened daily for our use thirty (30) minutes before scheduled breakfasts.

We will provide The Cove with a certificate of liability insurance showing available coverages listed and listing BGEA/The Cove as an additional insured. We agree to hold harmless and indemnify the BGEA/The Cove from all liability, loss, or other damage claims or obligations resulting from any injuries or losses of this nature.

We hereby give the BGEA, its representatives, successors, assigns, and those acting upon its authority, the absolute permission to copyright, use, reuse, publish, republish, exhibit, display, print, and reprint in advertising material, motion pictures, magazines, books, or other media, and for any other purposes, the illustrations, portraits, portraits made from photographs, pictures, designs, paintings, and drawings of every kind and nature (hereinafter referred to as "Photographs") obtained during our Event at The Cove.

We hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the *Photographs* or the editorial or advertising copy or printed matter that may be used by BGEA, or others in conjunction therewith.

We hereby release, discharge, and agree to hold the BGEA harmless from and against any and all liability in connection with the use of such *Photographs*.

We understand that The Cove's Inns and Training Center are adult-only. We agree that our participants will be ages eighteen and older or youth ages fifteen to seventeen who are lodging with a parent.

We agree to make individual lodging unit assignments for only those of the same sex or only one married couple or only immediate family members.

We agree that we will not use the names Billy Graham, Franklin Graham, Will Graham, Billy Graham Training Center, The Cove, or Billy Graham Evangelistic Association for purposes other than promoting and reporting on the Event, or in any manner that may appear to be an endorsement of our Group. We understand that this restriction also applies the use of any visual image that may include any of those names, such as videos or photographs taken at The Cove.