

Statement of Faith
קהילה משיחית אור העולם
Or HaOlam Messianic Congregation

1. I will walk in the light of the Scripture as the inspired Word of G-d. Ps. 119:105
2. I acknowledge the tri-unity of Adoni, yet that He is also One. Dt. 6: 4. (a supra-rational, but not irrational understanding of HaKadosh, the Holy One.)
3. I recognize the co-eternal, co-equal, co-sovereign deity, virgin birth (miraculous births were not uncommon in the *Tanakh*, such as Sarah's son Yitskhak, Hannah's son Shmuel, etc.), miracles, sinless life, vicarious death, resurrection, ascension, and expected return of the Messiah Yeshua.
4. I have accepted the atoning death of the Messiah as my own *keeporah*, my atoning sacrifice, and experienced the regeneration of the Holy Spirit. Y'shehyahu (Isaiah) 53
5. I am enjoying or seeking the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, empowering me to live a holy and effective life. Yeer-m'ya-hu (Jeremiah) 31: 33
6. I understand that there is a life to follow this one. (Daniel 12: 2 - 3)
 - a. For the saved it will be eternity in G-d's presence.
 - b. For those separated from G-d, they will stay eternally separated in a condition of damnation.
7. I believe we are in unity with all believers, Gentile or Jewish.
8. I will practice the scriptural process, as needed, of conflict resolution. When a conflict arises, we will go to the individual in a loving, appreciative spirit, and try to get reconciliation. If that fails, we will seek the help of the "one or two" intermediaries appointed by the elders. (Mattityahu 18: 15 - 18)
9. I affirm that *Yahadut*, Jewishness, is fundamentally a sense of the calling of G-d to fulfill human side of the covenants G-d made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and Moses. G-d is keeping His side of the covenants, which center on the command and promise that Israel should serve G-d forever, as Israel, with rights to the Land and other blessings.. (Gen. 12: 1 - 3, Jer. 33: 25 - 26) Faith in the Messiah of Israel in no way conflicts with these covenants. G-d also prompts Gentile people to identify with the Jews, as did Ruth, to bless, help, and serve G-d. (Is. 49:22) It is appropriate for Messianics, Jewish and Gentile, to be identifiably Jewish. It is appropriate for Messianic male speakers to wear kippot in the sanctuary.
10. In accordance with Jewish custom, as observed by the Messiah Himself, we will use circumlocutions such as "Adoni" in place of the sacred Name of G-d. ie, the Tetragrammaton. That is, we will say such terms as "HaShem" or "Adoni", and avoid using "Yahveh, or Jehovah or other speculative pronunciations of the YHVH.
11. The tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh have been absorbed indistinguishably into the main body of the people called the Jews.
12. Those who rightly call themselves Jews are of Jewish descent or formal conversion. Thus far, Messianics have not done formal conversions.