



This is an introduction letter for potential society members of Christian Youth Camps Waihola, providing key information to aid you in deciding on society membership.

Becoming a society member is just a physical way of saying you believe in the importance of what CYC Waihola is doing, and you want to take some ownership in this vital ministry.

## what is membership?

CYC Waihola is an incorporated society owned and managed by its society members, similar to sports clubs. Despite ownership, it is a charitable organisation, so profits cannot be distributed to these members. The society's vision is driven by members who empower a management body to achieve objectives in a grassroots approach, unlike trusts.

Each year, society members elect a Council of Management to oversee society affairs, similar to a church's eldership elected by a congregation. The council is responsible and accountable for all decisions made.

## why join?

- Membership in our society is vital for CYC's survival. With no members, we cannot legally function.
- The ability for us to serve and minister in the future can only be done through a strong and broad membership base.
- You will be kept up to date with what is happening at CYC Waihola, and provided with opportunities to serve
- Not just local: we have members throughout NZ partnering with us in prayer and by sending leaders and campers.



## your contribution

Members of Society agree to partner with us in the following:

- Actively praying for the ministry of CYC Waihola.
- Fervently encourage others to both volunteer and spread the word. This could be; sharing upcoming camps, sponsoring children, leading, speaking, cooking, directing, joining sub-committees, cleaning or maintenance.
- Paying an annual fee of \$10 per person.
- Remaining in agreement with our statement of faith.

## the need

Then he said to his disciples,  
**"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few;**  
therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."  
Matthew 9:37 - 38



## STATEMENT OF FAITH

**To join the society of Christian Youth Camps Waihola Incorporated you must agree in full to the Statement of Faith.**

### **i of the word of God and revelation:**

We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments (known as the Bible) are the fully inspired and wholly trust-worthy and infallible Word and Revelation of God and the final authority in all matters of faith and practice.

### **ii of God:**

We believe that God in the Trinity of His Sacred Person, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, eternally existence, is the only living and true God.

### **iii of the Lord Jesus Christ:**

We believe in and confess the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Mediator between God and man; who being the Eternal Son of God became truly man for our salvation being conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary yet without sin, so that He is both man and God, two distinct natures the Divine and the human being inseparably joined together in One Person forever.

We believe that when the Son of God became man, He did not thereby empty Himself of His Deity or of any of the attributes thereof but possessed full and adequate knowledge of all things. All the words that He uttered throughout His earthly ministry were words of God.

We believe that for our Redemption, He fulfilled all righteousness, offered Himself through the Eternal Spirit a sacrifice in our stead unto God and on the Cross of Calvary made propitiation for the sins of the whole world.

We believe in the physical resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that in His glorified Body He ascended into Heaven and is now at the right hand of God as the Mediator, Priest and Advocate of His people.

We believe also in the Kingship of the Lord Jesus Christ and that at a moment unknown to us He will return as He said in Power and great glory thus fulfilling the blessed hope of His Church.

We believe in the personality and deity of the Holy Spirit who came down upon earth on the day of Pentecost to indwell believers and to be the administrator in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ and "to reprove the world of sin and of righteousness and judgment".

### **iv of man and his sin:**

We believe that man was created in the image of God, in a state of sinlessness but that when tempted by Satan he sinned against God and came under the power of sin, the penalty of which is death in all its forms, from which he can be delivered only by the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

We believe that the Word of God teaches that all men must be born again or be forever lost.

### **v the devil:**

We believe there is a personal devil, a being of great cunning and power who is the prince of the powers of the air - the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience.

### **vi of salvation:**

We believe that the only Mediator between God and man is the man Christ Jesus; that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; that He was buried; that He rose again from the dead according to the Scriptures; that without the shedding of the blood of Christ Jesus there is no remission of sins; that we are saved only by our individual appropriation by faith of the atoning sacrifice thus offered by Christ as our personal Saviour and Substitute; that upon the exercise of such faith in Christ we are immediately born again and are made new creatures in Christ Jesus, we become immediately partakers of the Divine Nature, recipients of the mercy and forgiveness of God and the free gift of Eternal Life and of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit who is the third Person of the Trinity and who empowers us to live a victorious Christian life.

### **vii of the church:**

We believe that the Church is the company of all who have been born again and have been formed by His Spirit into one living body of which He is the Head, and that the Church is commissioned to go into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

### **viii of resurrection and the felicity of the saints:**

We believe on the resurrection both of the just and the unjust; that souls of believers at their death enter into felicity in the presence of their Lord; and we confidently look for our resurrection at our Lord's return in glory, when the bodies of those who sleep in Christ as well as His people who are then alive shall be fashioned in the likeness of the glorious body of their Lord, with whom they shall live and serve and reign forever and ever.