



**Volunteers of America**  
*A Ministry of Service*

# CARDINAL DOCTRINES

1. **God** – We believe in one eternal, all-knowing, all-powerful, and loving God who is present everywhere. God is holy, sovereign, good, and the creator of all. (Psalm 90:2; Jeremiah 32:17; Psalm 139:7–9; Psalm 147:5; Malachi 3:6; 1 Peter 1:16; Psalm 89:14; 1 John 4:8; Psalm 103:19)
2. **The Trinity** – We believe in one God who exists as three distinct, co-equal, and eternal persons, united in essence: the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 3:16,17; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30; John 1:1,14; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 1:8)
3. **The Bible** – We believe the Bible is the inspired word of God and the reliable guide for Christian beliefs and practice, offering moral direction and outlining the benefits of a virtuous life. (2 Timothy 3:16,17; 2 Peter 1:20,21; Psalm 119:105; John 17:17; Matthew 5:17,18; Psalm 19:7,8; Romans 15:4)
4. **Jesus Christ** – We believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to earth as both fully God and fully human, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He bridges the gap between God and humanity, enabling redemption and reconciliation for all creation. (John 1:1,14; Philippians 2:6,7; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:35; Hebrews 2:14–17; 1 John 4:2; Colossians 2:9; Ephesians 1:9,10)
5. **The Gospel** – We believe through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God lovingly provided full atonement for sin. Eternal life and salvation are available to all who turn from sin and believe in Jesus Christ. After death, our faith assures us of eternal fellowship with God. (Romans 5:8,9; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 John 2:2; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 9:26–28; Isaiah 53:5,6; Romans 1:16; John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8,9; Romans 10:9,10; Acts 4:12; Romans 5:1; Titus 3:5; 1 John 5:11,12; John 14:6; 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17; John 11:25,26; Revelation 21:1–4)
6. **The Unity in Faith** – We believe, without exception, God's grace and love are available to everyone. Faith in Jesus Christ unites us, regardless of individual differences. (John 3:16; Romans 10:12,13; Titus 2:11; 1 Timothy 2:3,4; 2 Peter 3:9; Ephesians 4:3–6; Galatians 3:28; 1 Corinthians 12:12–27; John 17:20–23; Ephesians 2:14–18; Revelation 7:9; Psalm 138:2–4)
7. **The Calling to Serve** – We believe serving humanity and all creation is a divine calling. Using our unique God-given gifts, we compassionately care for others as an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ. (John 13:12–15; 1 Peter 4:10; Matthew 25:35–40; John 13:34,35; Micah 6:8; Proverbs 31:8,9; Matthew 22:39; Genesis 1:28)



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## Cardinal Doctrines Approval Form

**By signing below you agree with the Cardinal Doctrines of Volunteers of America?**

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**First**

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**Volunteers of America Affiliate**

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**Signature**

**Date**