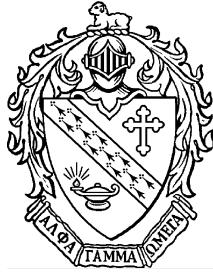


PERSONAL STATEMENT OF FAITH AND PRACTICE

AGO Board of Directors Candidate Version



"Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is within you, yet with gentleness and reverence" (1 Pet. 3:15)

We hope you welcome this opportunity to share your beliefs with the men of Alpha Gamma Omega Fraternity as part of the Board of Directors candidacy process. Since voters who read it might not know you personally, and since it will be used to help them make a determination about your fitness for the Board of Directors position, your answers should be honest, heart-felt, specific, and clear.

Directions: Please type in your answers underneath each question. Once you have completed the document, save it as a PDF using the following title format: 2023 BOD Candidate SOF first name last name. When finished, please send your personal SOF document as a file attachment to: sof@ago.org

BELIEFS

- 1) Please share your faith beliefs about Jesus Christ.** Who exactly do you believe Jesus to be? Why did He come to earth? Where is He now? What did He do for you/us on the Cross and why did He do it?
- 2) Please share your faith beliefs about the Bible.** How accurate/authoritative do you think the Bible is? Where has knowing it been the most valuable to you? When there's conflict between its teachings and other influences in your life (e.g. – cultural-political agendas, popular beliefs, personal experiences, your own upbringing/traditions, etc., etc.), how do you resolve this tension?
- 3) Please share your faith beliefs about Salvation.** What's wrong with humanity? How did we come to be so alienated from God and corrupted/enslaved to evil on the inside? What's the solution to our core problem? Where does God's grace fit into this solution? What must one do to be reconciled to God and freed from the inner tyrant of sin? How can we tell if God's salvation solution has actually happened to us?
- 4) Please share your faith beliefs about the afterlife.** What happens to human beings when they die? What are your own views of heaven and hell and the judgment to come? Who will go to each place and why will they go there?

EXPERIENCE AND PRACTICE OF YOUR FAITH

- 5) Please share your personal faith story.** How, when, and why did you become a Christian? How did it change your life? Where are you struggling most in your current Christian life? How can your AGO brothers help you through to the other side of them?
- 6) Please describe your current spiritual life condition and your practices.** What habits do you practice that help you stay closely connected to the Lord? Are you closer or further from God than a year ago? What's behind that movement towards or away? How could your AGO brethren help you with the big three: pride/control issues, materialism/greed issues, or sexual/bodily appetite issues?
- 7) Please tell us about your current relationship with your local church.** What's the name of your local church and how often do you attend it? How are you serving others there with your spiritual gifts? If there's been a distancing or breakdown of relationship with your local church, briefly tell us how it happened and where things now stand. How can we help you work it out and/or move forward?
- 8) Briefly describe your spiritual upbringing and your present-day adult faith-beliefs.** What religion/faith/church/denomination were you raised in? How have your beliefs changed since graduating AGO? Where are they still largely the same? Do you any unique views that set you apart from your AGO brothers? If you are wrestling with any doubts about the faith itself (basic beliefs of Christianity/core teachings of the Bible), what is it you're now doubting? How can we help you work through them?
- 9) Please describe your current evangelism practices.** How do you share the gospel? In what specific ways are you helping others take one step closer to Jesus Christ? Who specifically (by name) knows Christ today because you're in their life and introduced them to Him?
- 10) Please share your view of spiritual leadership.** What attitudes and actions do you expect out of a good leader? Who (if anybody) has mentored you and what is it about them that you most want to be like? If others could point out something that makes it harder for them to trust you/follow you as a leader, what might they tell you? If those who've led you could be honest with you, is there anything about you that made you a difficult or unpleasant person to lead? How will you respond when others are difficult or unpleasant for you to lead?

In signing this Statement of Personal Faith and Practice, I affirm that these are my true beliefs and practices. I also agree:

- to uphold the National Constitution of Alpha Gamma Omega Fraternity,
- to faithfully protect/preserve the Christ-centered nature and essential Christian mission of AGO and,
- to live by the highest standards of Christian conduct and principles as defined by the Bible.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Print Your Name/Sign Your Signature

I also personally agree with, embrace, and commit myself to upholding the AGO Statement of Marriage and Sexuality:

Signed: _____ Date: _____