This instrument is being used in connection with the JED (Joint Education and Development) launching of a 12-denominations new curriculum, called "XnEd.: Shared Apwread Apwre

PURPOSE: The twenty-four statements below reflect some assumptions often held about our beliefs in the church. There are so many different viewpoints about what we believe that it is helpful to sort these out occasionally. The purpose of this form is to give you an opportunity to struggle with

- · some basic issues about the Christian faith.
- · the task of the church, and
- · education within the context of faith,

and to help you clarify these particular assumptions in your own mind. It may be helpful to discuss these with other people in your congregation. This form also will provide the Educational Program Study Committee with a better understanding of what the congregation considers to be the purpose of its educational ministry.

INSTRUCTIONS: Indicate your opinion about each of the following statements on the scale from 1 to 5 in the columns provided.

Check column 1 if you agree strongly with the statement.

Check column 5 if you disagree strongly.

Check column 3 if you are uncertain.

Check column 2 or 4 to indicate mild agreement or disagreement.

If you find under any one of the three areas that no statement adequately expresses your personal belief, write your own statement in the space provided.

## A. ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, I BELIEVE:

- 1. The Bible as the Word of God is without error and is the only source for understanding the meaning of the Christian faith.
- 2. In the Bible, God makes himself known to humankind. It is a major source for learning about and understanding the meaning of the Christian faith.
- 3. The Holy Spirit, who inspired the writing of the Scriptures, inspires those who faithfully read them.
- 4. God in Christ changes our lives and expects us to be his instruments for changing the world.
- 5. Because the Bible tells of the work of God in the words of human beings, it reflects the culture of those who wrote it. This must be understood if it is to speak to us in the present day.

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6. Scripture demands a personal response to its message and becomes the basis for the Christian's actions.				
7. Christ calls persons into the community that is the church and calls this community to become involved in the world.	non-manufacture (m. 1916)			
8. The only task of the Christian is to win souls to Christ.				
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ABOUT TEACHING AND LEARNING, I BELIEVE:				
<ol> <li>In today's world it is essential that all persons be taught how to interpret the Bible in order to understand its message.</li> </ol>				
<ol> <li>Christian education should deal primarily with issues and needs in society that call for ethical decision and action by Christians acting individually and in community.</li> </ol>				
11. The church teaches by all it does.				
12. Approaches to teaching in the church should be simple and based on the straightforward interpretation of Scripture.				
<ol> <li>Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, persons should explore the church's relation to society's problems.</li> </ol>				
14. Approaches to teaching in the church should be flexible and include all modern teaching methods.				
<ol> <li>Teaching methods should be practical and uncomplicated, and should require easily obtainable materials.</li> </ol>	and the state of t			
<ol> <li>Ordinarily, the setting for education in the church should be the weekly class session in the building.</li> </ol>				

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ABOUT THE CHURCH'S TASK, I BELIEVE:			in a colony billy and		
17. Guided by an understanding of God's purpose for the world, education should focus on the collective witness and social ministry of God's people in the world.			Valley (Page 1977) of the control of		
18. Christian education is to enable persons (a) to know the content of the Bible, and (b) to understand their experiences and relationships in the light of the Biblical message to the end that they may respond as faithful disciples.			Antibiation designation of the particular and the p		
19. Persons and groups in the church should seek to discover the authority of the Scriptures in their lives and in the life of the Christian community.			destinate understand for Anther-received interview of the		
20. The church should bring individuals to a clear awareness of who they are, how they are a part of the continuing people of God, and how they must seek to transform the world.			ele despresso a como de constante de constan		
<ol> <li>The church should work for unity in its mission as a response to the Biblical imperative that includes both personal witness and social responsibility.</li> </ol>	Plant basalayis, Writtens and paper gloss		Andreas (Andreas Andreas Andre		
22. The total life of the church should demonstrate and reinforce the relationship between one's individual life and one's participation in the corporate or community life of the church.			der parter er felder von de Anderskeitstelle der der der		
23. Christians should have the opportunity to testify to their faith in the word and deed, both to other members of the Christian community and to persons outside it.	e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e		e jedinka sakulangan papak-dabagan bersajakan kanana ra		
24. The purpose of Christian education is to provide a guide for moral conduct so that we may live better lives.	Sensor was our ordinate or comments of the com		ved veddyn dr referendiaddenda		
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