



M4 Europe Statement of Faith

WE BELIEVE in the divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God – fully trustworthy for faith and conduct.

WE BELIEVE in one God, Creator of all things, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

WE BELIEVE in the dignity of all people, made male and female in God's image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgment. As a consequence, man is lost, unable to save himself from the wrath of God, and needs to be saved.

WE BELIEVE in the Lord Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man, born of a virgin, sinless and perfect, the only Saviour. We believe in the atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God. We believe that he rose from the dead, ascended to heaven, and is now at the right hand of God, mediating for us. We believe in the personal and physical return of Christ in power and glory.

WE BELIEVE that salvation is a gift of God, sovereignly offered by grace to those who repent and place their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; and that all who truly believe in him are eternally saved on the basis of his shed blood.

WE BELIEVE in God the Holy Spirit who indwells all believers to convict, enlighten, sanctify, empower, and guide them in life and service.

WE BELIEVE that the true Church, both local and universal, is composed of persons who, through saving faith in Jesus Christ, have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the body of Christ, of which he is head.

WE BELIEVE in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto eternal life with God, and they that are lost unto eternal punishment separated from God.

WE BELIEVE that Christ commanded the church to make disciples of all peoples, by going into all the world, baptizing people in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that Christ commanded.

M4 Europe also accepts the Lausanne Covenant and the European Evangelical Alliance Statement of Faith.



M4 Europe Position on LGBT/Gender Orientation

M4 Europe's foundation for understanding human sexuality is rooted in our commitment to the Bible as the only authoritative guide for faith and practice. The first two chapters of Genesis constitute the paradigm and prerequisite for God's creative intent for human personhood, sexual identity, and sexual intimacy in marriage (Genesis 1:27; 2:24; cf. Matthew 19:4-5).

It is the policy of M4 Europe to affirm the Bible's teaching on gender, namely that God created humans as male and female (Gen 1:27), and intends for marriage and sexual relationships to be between a man and his wife (Gen 2:24). Scripture also teaches that homosexual relationships are a departure from God's design and harm the person who engages in them (Rom 1:26-27). Such behavior is sinful and should not be part of a believer's life (I Cor 6:9-11).

Some people experience greater temptation in this area, which is not in itself sin, if they resist it (James 1:13-15, I Cor 10:13). Same sex attraction (SSA) may be something that certain believers have to fight in the same way other believers resist temptation to sexual immorality with the opposite sex. However, if a believer identifies themselves as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender, they are claiming an identity different from the one God gave them (I Cor 5:11, I Cor 6:9-11).

For these reasons, M4 Europe does not accept interns or long-term staff who identify themselves as lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, or transgender, or who are engaging in sexual relationships outside the boundaries of marriage. Non-marital sexual intimacy, homosexual sexual intimacy, same-sex romantic relationships, and gender identification that is incongruent with one's birth sex are all violations of biblical teaching from which M4 Europe derives its standards.

