

United Methodists believe (English and Tongan)

We believe that God is understood in three distinct forms. Father, Son and Holy Spirit are commonly used to refer to the threefold nature of God. Sometimes we use other terms, such as Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

ʻOku tau tui ʻoku mahinoʻi ʻa e ʻOtuá ʻi he fotunga kehekehe ʻe tolu. Ko e Tamai, ʻAlo mo e Laumālie, pea ʻoku fakamatala ʻi ʻaki ia ʻa e natula ʻe tolu ʻo e ʻOtuá. Ko e taimi ʻe ni ʻihi ʻoku tau ngaue ʻaki ʻa e ngaahi Huafa kehe hangé ko e ʻOtuá ʻo e Fakatupú, Koelí, mo e Taukapo.

We believe in one God, who created the world and all that is in it. We believe that God is sovereign; that is, God is the ruler of the universe. We believe that God is loving. We can experience God's love and grace.

ʻOku tau tui ki he ʻOtuá tofú pē ʻe taha, na ʻa ne fakatupu ʻa māmani pea mo e me ʻa kotoa ʻoku ʻi aí. ʻOku tau tui ko e ʻOtuá ʻoku fakaleveleva; pea ʻoku ne pule ʻi ʻa e ʻuniveesí. ʻOku tau tui ko e ʻOtuá ko ʻOfa ia, pea te tau lava ke aʻusia ʻa e ʻofa mo e kelesi ʻa e ʻOtuá.

We believe that Jesus was human. He lived as a man and died when he was crucified. We believe that Jesus is divine. He is the Son of God. We believe that God raised Jesus from the dead and that the risen Christ lives today. We believe that Jesus is our Savior. In Christ, we receive abundant life and forgiveness of sins. We believe that Jesus is Lord and that we are called to pattern our lives after his.

ʻOku tau tui ko Sīsū na ʻe hoko ko e tangata. Na ʻa ne mo ʻui ko e tangata pea ne pekia ʻi hono kalusefaí. ʻOku tau tui ko Sīsū na ʻa ne ma ʻu ʻa e haohaoa faka-ʻOtuá. Ko e ʻAlo ia ʻo e ʻOtuá. ʻOku tau tui na ʻe fokotu ʻu ʻe he ʻOtuá ʻa Sīsū mei he pekia, pea ʻoku lolotonga mo ʻui ʻa Kalaisi Toetu ʻu ʻi he ʻahó ni. ʻOku tau tui ko Sīsū hotau Fakamo ʻuí. ʻOku tau ma ʻu ʻa e mo ʻui ʻoku lahi ʻaupito pea mo e fakamolemole ʻo ʻetau angahalá ʻia Kalaisi. ʻOku tau tui ko Sīsū ko e ʻEikí ia pea ʻoku ui kitautolu ke tau faʻifaʻitaki ki he ʻene to ʻonga mo ʻuí.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is God with us. We believe that the Holy Spirit comforts us when we are in need and convicts us when we stray from God. We believe that the Holy Spirit awakens us to God's will and empowers us to live obediently.

ʻOku tau tui ko e Laumālie Ma ʻoni ʻoni ko e ʻOtuá ʻi hotau lolotonga. ʻOku tau tui ko e Laumālie ʻoku ne fakanonga kitautolu ʻi he taimi ʻo ʻetau ngaahi fiema ʻu pea ne valoki ʻi kitautolu ʻi he taimi ʻoku tau mavahe ai mei he ʻOtuá. ʻOku tau tui ʻoku fanguna kitautolu ʻe he Laumālie Ma ʻoni ʻoni ke tau ʻilo ʻa e finangalo ʻo e ʻOtuá pea ʻoku ne fakaivia kitautolu ke tau mo ʻui talangofua.

We believe that God created human beings in God's image. We believe that humans can choose to accept or reject a relationship with God. We believe that all humans need to be in relationship with God in order to be fully human.

ʻOku tau tui na ʻe ngaahi ʻe he ʻOtuá ʻa e faʻahinga ʻo e tangatá mo e fefiné ʻi hono ʻimisí. ʻOku tau tui ʻoku ʻatā ʻa e toko taha kotoa pē ke fili pe te ne tali pe fakasitua ʻi ʻa ʻene fetauhi ʻaki mo e ʻOtuá. ʻOku tau tui ko e toko taha kotoa pē ʻoku fiema ʻu ia ke fetauhi ʻaki mo e ʻOtuá ka e toki hoko ko e fefine pe tangata kakato.

We believe that the church is the body of Christ, an extension of Christ's life and ministry in the world today. We believe that the mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the

transformation of the world.

ʻOku tau tui ko e Siasí ko e Sino-Hā-Mai ia ʻo Kalaisí, pea ʻokú ne fakaaʻu mai ʻa e moʻui ʻa Kalaisí mo ʻene ngāue fakalotú ki māmani he ʻahó ni. ʻOku tau tui ko e Taumuʻa Ngaue ʻa e Siasí ko ʻene ngaohi tisaipale maʻa Kalaisí ke nau liliu a māmani.

We believe that the church is “the communion of saints,” a community made up of all past, present and future disciples of Christ. We believe that the church is called to worship God and to support those who participate in its life as they grow in faith.

ʻOku tau tui ko e Siasí ko e “fakataha`anga ʻo e kau ma`oni`oni,” ko e sino ʻoku kātoa ai ʻa e kau tisaipale ʻa Sīsū mei he kuohilí, lolotongá ní, pea mo e kaha`ú. ʻOku tau tui ʻoku ui ʻa e Siasí ke lotu ki he ʻOtuá pea mo tanumaki ʻa e kakai ʻoku nau kau ki he moʻui ʻa e Siasí ʻi hono fakatupulekina ʻenau tuí.

We believe that the Bible is God’s Word. We believe that the Bible is the primary authority for our faith and practice.

ʻOku tau tui ko e Tohitapú ko e Folofola ia ʻa e ʻOtuá. ʻOku tau tui ko e Tohitapú ko e tefito`i mafai ia ki he`etau tuí pea mo hono ngāue`í.

We believe that Christians need to know and study the Old Testament and the New Testament (the Hebrew Scriptures and the Christian Scriptures).

ʻOku tau tui kuo pau ke `ilo mo ako `e he Kalisitiane ʻa e Fuakava Motu`á pea mo e Fuakava Fo`ou (Tohitapu faka-Hepelu mo e Tohitapu ʻa e Kalisitiane).

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