## Serve the Children Mission Statement and Statements of Faith and Belief

## **Mission Statement:**

The mission of Serve the Children is to improve the future of children by meeting their educational, emotional, and physical needs in a Biblically-based environment.

## Statements of Faith and Belief:

We adhere to the statements set forth in the Lausanne Covenant.

<u>Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct:</u> The Lausanne Covenant does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Serve the Children's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Board of Directors is Serve the Children's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

<u>Marriage, Gender and Sexuality:</u> We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female, and that these two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen. 1:26-27)

We believe that God created marriage to be exclusively the union of one man and one woman, and that intimate sexual activity is to occur exclusively within that union. (Gen. 2:18-25; I Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4)

<u>Sanctity of Human Life</u>: We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect and value all human life. (Psalm 139)