

**THE PRINCIPLES OF FAITH**  
**of the**  
**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
**"REFORM MOVEMENT"**  
**and her**  
**CHURCH BY-LAWS**

**BRIEF PRESENTATION**  
**ISSUED BY THE**  
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This is the first revision of the Principles of Faith and Church By-Laws since their origin in 1925. The revision is effected solely for the purpose of correcting grammatical and typographical errors occurring in the translation from the German original. The Principles themselves stand unchanged as they were originated from the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy at the General Conference Session of The Seventh-day Adventist Church, Reform Movement, July 14-20, 1925.

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God is a spiritual being (John 4:24); "eternal," without beginning and without end (Revelation 21:6); omnipresent (Psalm 139:1-12), dwelling in the heavens; He cannot be seen by man in his present, sinful state. (1 Timothy 6:16; Isaiah 59:2; John 1:18; Exodus 33:20.) Only through faith are we able to come to God. (Hebrews 11:6.)

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We believe that the Holy Spirit is the representative of Christ on earth. (John 14:16.) Without Him it is impossible to comprehend and live according to the will of God. Also it is not possible to rightly interpret the divine Word without the aid of the Holy Spirit. (John 14:26; 1 Corinthians 2:11.) He is the power from the Father and the Son and also active through human beings. (2 Peter 1:21; 1 Peter 1:11.)

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