Statement of Faith for Christian Theistic Evolutionists

I believe in one God, infinite in power and perfection and being, eternal and unbound by time, creator of heaven and earth and all that is seen or unseen. All living things came to be at his command and proceeded according to his divine will and providence; he is the author of every natural process and he alone sustains them by his powerful word.

I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the Word of God and God incarnate, worthy of glory and honor and praise, through whom and for whom was made every thing that ever has been or ever will be made, who came to earth in the form of a man to reconcile the world to himself and save all people from their sins. He, like us, was tempted in every way, yet did not sin, and instead submitted himself to God, being obedient even to death. I believe he suffered, died and rose again on the third day, as both he and the Hebrew prophets foretold.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the promised gift of God and the third Person of the Trinity, who has come now to convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment and to lead us into all truth, who indwells believers and empowers them for peaceful and godly lives and fruitful ministry.

I believe mankind, male and female, were made in the spiritual image of God and offered everlasting life through obedience to and communion with their Creator. But we went astray, as scripture teaches, and seeking to be our own gods, we severed ourselves from our source of life, corrupting our natures toward sinful desires and condemning us to the ultimate punishment — a fate from which we may be liberated and redeemed only by penitent faith in the Lord Jesus.

I believe the 66 canonical books of the Bible to be inspired by God and hence, infallible and authoritative on all matters on which they were and are intended to teach. I believe that through the study of scripture and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the one true God will make himself known to those who seek him, as he promises in his word.

I believe God’s creation was and is very good, and serves as a reflection of his divine character. Nature, like scripture, is a book written by God, and it cannot lie, just as he cannot. Therefore, the study of nature, in good faith, will yield truth, continually revealing the grandeur breathed into it by its creator since the beginning.

I believe in one Church, established and knit together by the living God, which is to serve as his hands and feet in the present age and will be welcomed by him, spotless and beloved, in the age to come.