I, the undersigned, having carefully read the Constitution and Bylaws of the Adventist Theological Society, do affirm my full acceptance and active support of them, including commitment to the Mission Statement, the Core Values, and the Goals of the Society.

1. I affirm that Christ’s substitutionary death on the cross was both the supreme revelation of God’s love for humankind and an atoning sacrifice for sin and that His life provided a perfect example for His people to imitate. His substitutionary death pays the penalty for sin, provides forgiveness, and creates gratitude and saving faith in all who receive Him. The cross is central to every aspect of life and work, of witness and outreach, of research and doctrine.

2. I affirm that the Bible is the Word of God—the inspired, infallible revelation of truth in written form. The Bible is its own interpreter, provides the foundation and context for scholarship and the totality of life, and is the unerring standard for doctrine and experience.

3. I endorse a biblical hermeneutic that employs the historical-grammatical method in the study of Scripture, recognizing the necessity of the Holy Spirit’s aid in so doing. I reject the use of any method in biblical study “that retains the principle of criticism which subordinates the Bible to human reason” (Methods of Bible Study Committee Report, Preamble), tradition, or experience.

4. I affirm the literal reading and meaning of Genesis 1-11 as an objective, factual account of earth’s origin and early history; that the world was created in six literal, consecutive, contiguous 24-hour days (Exodus 20:8-11); that the earth was subsequently devastated by a literal global flood, and that the time elapsed since creation week is to be measured in terms of a short chronology of a few thousand years.

5. I affirm a real sanctuary in heaven and the pre-advent judgment of believers beginning in 1844, based upon the historicist view of prophecy and the year-day principle as taught in Scripture.
6. I believe that the writings of Ellen G. White possess more than pastoral authority and that in them God has spoken as He did through prophets and apostles of old to instruct His people concerning His will and the course He would have His people pursue. The Bible alone is the only foundation of Seventh-day Adventist doctrine; Ellen White’s writings, while subject to and judged by the Scriptures, are an invaluable tool for illuminating Scripture and confirming church teaching.

7. I affirm the identification of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as the remnant movement called by God to proclaim the three angels' messages of Revelation 14, which prepare the world for the soon return of Christ.

8. I affirm faithfulness to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and I pledge to continue supporting it through tithes, offerings, personal effort, and influence.

Signed __________________________________________ Date ________________

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