



## A Ministry for Evangelism to Non-believers-AMEN

A ministry for Evangelism to Non-believers- AMEN Inc. the non-profit corporation under which a ministry for evangelism to non-believers –AMEN operates, was founded on July 10 2015, in the Bangladesh, Proshanto Sarker Pros and Pastor Ram Pado Sarker. Prior to this time Proshanto Sarker and Pastor Rampado Sarker founded and operated a youth community based network of Christian Counselling Centres on the Southwest Uludanga, Haridhli (Zipe Code 9280), Paickghaca, Khulna, Bangladesh. At which time they also served as associate pastors of the Gospel of Salvation Ministry. After several years, the Pentecostal fellowship they served in merged with another fellowship of a more mainline persuasion. This merger resulted in the election of new board members, a few of whom were opposed to the teachings on spiritual gifts the Pros were teaching. Although the Senior Pastor full supported the Pros, it was creating stress in his life and ministry.

At that same time, God called the Pros out. Several weeks in a row, Proshanto Sarker Pros Received the same message: to follow the words of Christ recorded by Luke: *"If people do not welcome you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave their town, as a testimony against them."* So they set out and went from village to village, preaching the gospel and healing people everywhere" (Luke 9:5-6).

Sharing this word with the Senior Pastor, and praying together, they agree that it was the Word of God and a direction for the Pros' lives and ministry. Launching out into a separate ministry, most of those who had sat under them in their Sunday School class were moved to step out with them. This became the core group of The fellowship, which after seeking the Lord's guidance was named the A ministry for Evangelism to Non-believers- AMEN

Almost immediately, doors opened for them to minister to the guests and recovery program participants of the local rescue mission. The A ministry for Evangelism to Non-believers- AMEN responded to the Mission's invitation to provide the Sunday morning worship services; as well as helping establish a new program for the homeless. *"Life After Death"* by Proshanto Sarker Pros beheld what Isaiah describes in Isaiah, Chapter six: *"I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory"* (Isa 6:1-3).

*As I beheld our Lord, high and lifted up on his throne, seated at the right hand of Father God, I - like Isaiah of old - heard our Lord say, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" (Isa 6:8); and I knew he was.*

## **A Ministry for Evangelism to Non-believers – (AMEN) - Statement of Faith**

The sole basis of our beliefs is the Bible, God's infallible written Word, which we believe was uniquely, verbally and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit and was written without error (inerrant) in the original manuscripts. As such it is the supreme and final authority in all matters on which it speaks. We accept the following doctrinal teachings on which, historically, there has been general agreement among all Bible believing Christians:

1. There is one true Godhead, eternally existing in three separate persons – the Father, The Beloved Son, Yeshua Messiah (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit, the Motherhood of the Godhead – each of whom possesses equally all the attributes and characteristics of Deity.
2. The family of man, created in the image and likeness of the Divine Family, consists of a man, a woman and – if God blesses their union - one or more children.
3. Yeshua Messiah (Jesus Christ) is God, the Logos (Living Essence of the Deity), who became flesh through His miraculous conception between the Holy Spirit and Mary -hence his virgin birth. He is thus complete and perfect Deity and true humanity united in one person forever.
4. He lived a sinless life and voluntarily atoned for the sins of men through his substitution death on the cross, satisfying divine justice and accomplishing salvation for all mankind who will put their trusting-faith in Him alone.
5. He rose from the dead ascended bodily into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God the Father, where He, as the only mediator (Intercessor) between God and man, continually makes intercession for His own.
6. Man was originally created in the image and likeness of God. However, he sinned by disobeying God; thus, alienating himself from his Creator.
7. That historic fall resulted in man's nature and all created things on earth being corrupted, and thus totally abhorrent to God.
8. Every man is in need of regeneration and renewal through the mercy of the Father, the Atonement by The Son, and the Indwelling Guidance of the Holy Spirit.
9. The salvation of man is wholly a work of God's free mercy and grace - not the work, in whole or in part, of any human work, goodness or religious ceremony. God imputes His righteousness to those who put their trusting-faith in His Beloved Son, Christ Jesus.
10. It is the privilege of all who are born-anew of the Spirit to be assured of their salvation from the very moment they place their trusting-faith Christ as their Saviour. This assurance is not based upon any human merit, but is produced by the witness of Holy Spirit, who confirms in the believer his/her adoption into the Family of God, according to the testimony of God in His written word.
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11. Holy Spirit has come into the world to reveal and glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to men. Holy Spirit convicts people, drawing sinners to Christ, then imparts new life to them, continually indwells them from the moment of spiritual birth, guiding them in their spiritual walk and sealing them until the day of redemption. Holy Spirit's fullness, power and control are appropriated in the believer's life by his/her trusting-faith.
12. Every believer is called to live according to the guidance of the indwelling Spirit so that he/she will not fulfil the lust of the flesh but bear fruit to the glory of God.
13. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, His Body, which is composed of all men: the dead, the living and those yet unborn, who are joined to Him through saving faith.

14. God admonishes His people to assemble together regularly for praise and worship, to participate in the ordinances of the church, to receive edification through the Scriptures and for mutual encouragement.
15. At physical death the believer immediately enters eternal, conscious fellowship with the Lord but awaits the resurrection of his body to everlasting glory and blessing. But, the unbeliever, at the moment of physical death enters immediately into eternal, conscious separation from the Lord and awaits the resurrection of his body to everlasting judgment and condemnation.
16. Yeshua Messiah (Jesus Christ) who was incarnate, who died for man and rose again, after which he ascended to the Father; will come again to earth – personally, visibly and bodily – to consummate history and the eternal plan of God.
17. The Lord Jesus Christ commands all believers to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world and to disciple men of every nation. The fulfilment of that Great Commission requires that all worldly and personal ambitions be subordinated to a total commitment to "Him who loved us and gave Himself for us" (Eph 5:2, 25; 1 Tit 2:6; Tit 2:14).

## **A Ministry for Evangelism to Non-believers –(AMEN) Mission Statement**

**Our Mission** ~ The Mission of A Ministry for Evangelism to Non-believers –AMEN is to develop and maintain a network of Christian Ministries, Pastors, Evangelists, Christian Teachers, Christian Advocates, other Gospel workers and Congregants who wish to work together building the Kingdom of God, fulfilling Christ's commission, that we serve as His ambassadors.

**Our Duty** ~ *“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God”* (2 Cor5:18-21).

**Our purpose** ~ As God's Ambassadors, our objective is single-focused - to carry God's appeal to His lost, unsaved and rebellious children in every corner of the earth. Our approach involves utilizing the technology that the twenty-first century offers, such as Facebook, Google Plus, email, etc., as well as mission trips, Gospel literature, and most certainly not the least - fervent prayer for one another.

**Our objective** ~ To Fulfil the admonition of the Apostle Paul, to equip the saints and foster unity within the body of Christ. For, *“He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ”* (Eph 4:11-15).

**Our goal** ~ To build personal relationships between our affiliates, and between our affiliates with needs and Christian Philanthropists who can help meet those needs, fulfilling Christ's prayer to his Father: *“Our Father in heaven! May your Name be kept holy; May your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven; Give us the food we need today”* (Matt 6:9-11).

**The Outcome** ~ "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city" (Rev22:14-15).

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## Doctrinal Summary

*Based on the Apostolic Doctrines ~ Commonly Called the Didache meaning 'the teachings'. The Lord's Teaching to the Heathen by the Twelve Apostles:*

**First** ~There are two ways, one of life and one of death; and between the two ways there is a great difference.

1. Now, this is the way of life: "First, you must love God who made you, and second, your neighbour as yourself." And, whatever you want people to refrain from doing to you, you must not do to them.
2. What these maxims teach is this: "Bless those who curse you," and "pray for your enemies." Moreover, fast "for those who persecute you." For "what credit is it to you if you love those who love you? Is that not the way the heathen act?" But "you must love those who hate you," and then you will make no enemies.
3. "Abstain from carnal passions." If someone strikes you "on the right cheek, turn to him the other too, and you will be perfect." If someone "forces, you to go one mile with him, go along with him for two"; if someone robs you "of your overcoat, give him your suit as well." If someone deprives you of "your property, do not ask for it back." (You could not get it back anyway!)
4. "Give to everybody who begs from you, and ask for no return." For the Father wants his own gifts to be universally shared. Happy is the man who gives as the commandment bids him, for he is guiltless! But alas for the man who receives! If he receives because he is in need; he will be guiltless. But if he is not in need he will have to stand trial why he received and for what purpose. He will be thrown into prison and have his action investigated; and "he will not get out until he has paid back the last cent."
5. Indeed, there is a further saying that relates to this: "Let your donation sweat in your hands until you know to whom to give it."

## Second ~ The Teachings:

1. "Do not murder; do not commit adultery"; do not corrupt boys; do not fornicate; "do not steal"; do not practice magic; do not go in for sorcery; do not murder a child by abortion or kill a new-born infant. "Do not covet your neighbour's property;
2. do not commit perjury; do not bear false witness"; do not slander; do not bear grudges.
3. Do not be double-minded or double-tongued, for a double tongue is "a deadly snare."
4. Your words shall not be dishonest or hollow, but substantiated by action.
5. Do not be greedy or extortionate or hypocritical or malicious or arrogant. Do not plot against your neighbour.
6. Do not hate anybody; but reprove some, pray for others, and still others love more than your own life.

## Third ~

1. My child, flee from all wickedness and from everything of that sort.
2. Do not be irritable, for anger leads to murder. Do not be jealous or contentious or impetuous, for all this breeds murder.
3. My child, do not be lustful, for lust leads to fornication. Do not use foul language or leer, for all this breeds adultery.
4. My child, do not be a diviner, for that leads to idolatry. Do not be an enchanter or an astrologer or a magician. Moreover, have no wish to observe or heed such practices, for all this breeds idolatry.
5. My child, do not be a liar, for lying leads to theft. Do not be avaricious or vain, for all this breeds thievery.
6. My child, do not be a grumbler, for grumbling leads to blasphemy. Do not be stubborn or evil-minded, for all this breeds blasphemy.
7. But be humble since "the humble will inherit the earth."

8. Be patient, merciful, harmless, quiet, and good; and always "have respect for the teaching "you have been given. Do not put on airs or give yourself up to presumptuousness. Do not associate with the high and mighty; but be with the upright and humble. Accept whatever happens to you as good, in the realization that nothing occurs apart from God.

#### **Fourth ~**

1. My child, day and night "you should remember him who preaches God's word to you," and honour him as you would the Lord. For where the Lord's nature is discussed, there the Lord is.
2. Every day you should seek the company of saints to enjoy their refreshing conversation.
3. You must not start a schism, but reconcile those at strife. "Your judgments must be fair." You must not play favourites when reproofing transgressions.
4. You must not be of two minds about your decision.
5. Do not be one who holds his hand out to take, but shuts it when it comes to giving.
6. If your labour has brought you earnings, pay a ransom for your sins.
7. Do not hesitate to give and do not give with a bad grace; for you will discover who He is that pays you back a reward with a good grace.
8. Do not turn your back on the needy, but share everything with your brother and call nothing your own. For if you have what is eternal in common, how much more should you have what is transient!
9. Do not neglect your responsibility to your son or your daughter, but from their youth you shall teach them to revere God.
10. Do not be harsh in giving orders to your slaves and slave girls. They hope in the same God as you, and the result may be that they cease to revere the God over you both. For when he comes to call us, he will not respect our station, but will call those whom the Spirit has made ready.
11. You slaves, for your part, must obey your masters with reverence and fear, as if they represented God.
12. You must hate all hypocrisy and everything which fails to please the Lord.
13. You must not forsake "the Lord's commandments," but "observe" the ones you have been given, "neither adding nor subtracting anything."
14. At the church meeting you must confess your sins, and not approach prayer with a bad conscience. That is the way of life.

#### **Fifth ~** But the way of death is this:

1. First of all, it is wicked and thoroughly blasphemous: murders, adulteries, lusts, fornications, thefts, idolatries, magic arts, sorceries, robberies, false witness, hypocrisies, duplicity, deceit, arrogance, malice, stubbornness, greediness, filthy talk, jealousy, audacity, haughtiness, boastfulness.
2. Those who persecute good people, who hate truth, who love lies, who are ignorant of the reward of uprightness, who do not "abide by goodness" or justice, and are on the alert not for goodness but for evil: gentleness and patience are remote from them.
3. "They love vanity," "look for profit," have no pity for the poor, do not exert themselves for the oppressed,
4. [They] ignore their Maker, "murder children," corrupt God's image, turn their backs on the needy, oppress the afflicted, defend the rich, unjustly condemn the poor, and are thoroughly wicked. My children, may you be saved from all this!

### **Sixth ~**

1. See "that no one leads you astray" from this way of the teaching, since such a one's teaching is godless.
2. If you can bear the Lord's full yoke, you will be perfect. But if you cannot, then do what you can.
3. Now about food: undertake what you can. But keep strictly away from what is offered to idols, for that implies worshiping dead gods.

### **Seventh ~** Now about Baptism:

1. This is how to baptize. Give public instruction on all these points, and then "baptize" in running water, "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
2. If you do not have running water, baptize in some other.
3. If you cannot in cold, then in warm. If you have neither, then pour water on the head three times "in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."
4. Before the baptism, moreover, the one who baptizes and the one being baptized must fast, and any others who can. And you must tell the one being Baptized to fast for one or two days beforehand.

### **Eighth ~** Fasting and praying

1. Your fasts must not be identical with those of the hypocrites. They fast on Mondays and Thursdays; but you should fast on Wednesdays and Fridays.
2. You must not pray like the hypocrites, but "pray as follows" as the Lord bid us in his gospel: *"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your Kingdom come; your will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us today our bread for the morrow; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but save us from the evil one, for yours is the power and the glory forever."*
3. You should pray in this way three times a day.

### **Ninth ~** The Eucharist

1. Now about the Eucharist [Communion or Lord's Supper]; This is how to give thanks:
2. First in connection with the cup: *"We thank you, our Father, for the holy vine of David, your child, which you have revealed through Jesus, your child. To you be glory forever."*
3. Then in connection with the piece [broken off the loaf]: *"We thank you, our Father, for the life and knowledge which you have revealed through Jesus, your child. To you be glory forever."*
4. *"As this piece [of bread] was scattered over the hills and then was brought together and made one, so let your Church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your Kingdom. For yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever."*
5. You must not let anyone eat or drink of your Eucharist except those Baptized in the Lord's name.  
For in reference to this the Lord said, "Do not give what is sacred to dogs."

### **Tenth ~**

1. After you have finished your meal, say grace in this way:
2. *"We thank you, holy Father, for your sacred name which you have lodged in our hearts, and for the knowledge and faith and immortality which you have revealed through Jesus, your child. To you be glory forever."*

3. "Almighty Master, 'you have created everything' for the sake of your name, and have given men food and drink to enjoy that they may thank you. But to us you have given spiritual food and drink and eternal life through Jesus, your child."
4. "Above all, we thank you that you are mighty. To you be glory forever."
5. "Remember, Lord, your Church, to save it from all evil and to make it perfect by your love. Make it holy, 'and gather' it 'together from the four winds' into your Kingdom which you have made ready for it. For yours is the power and the glory forever."
6. "Let Grace come and let this world pass away." "Hosanna to the God of David!" "If anyone is holy, let him come. If not, let him repent." "Our Lord, come!" "Amen."
7. In the case of prophets, however, you should let them give thanks in their own way.

### **Eleventh ~**

1. Now, you should welcome anyone who comes your way and teaches you all we have been saying.
  2. But if the teacher proves himself a renegade and by teaching otherwise contradicts all this, pay no attention to him. But if his teaching furthers the Lord's righteousness and knowledge, welcome him as the Lord.
  3. Now about the apostles and prophets: Act in line with the gospel precept.
  4. Welcome every apostle on arriving, as if he were the Lord.
  5. But he must not stay beyond one day. In case of necessity, however, the next day too. If he stays three days, he is a false prophet.
  6. On departing, an apostle must not accept anything save sufficient food to carry him till his next lodging. If he asks for money, he is a false prophet.
  7. While a prophet is making ecstatic utterances, you must not test or examine him. For "every sin will be forgiven," but this sin "will not be forgiven."
  8. However, not everybody making ecstatic utterances is a prophet, but only if he behaves like the Lord. It is by their conduct that the false prophet and the [true] prophet can be distinguished.
  9. For instance, if a prophet marks out a table in the Spirit, he must not eat from it. If he does, he is a false prophet.
  10. Again, every prophet who teaches the truth but fails to practice what he preaches is a false prophet.
  11. But every attested and genuine prophet who acts with a view to symbolizing the mystery of the Church, and does not teach you to do all he does, must not be judged by you. His judgment rests with God. For the ancient prophets too acted in this way.
  12. But if someone says in the Spirit, "Give me money, or something else," you must not heed him.
- However, if he tells you to give for others in need, no one must condemn him.

### **Twelfth ~**

1. Everyone "who comes" to you "in the name of the Lord" must be welcomed. Afterward, when you have tested him, you will find out about him, for you have insight into right and wrong.
2. If it is a traveller who arrives, help him all you can. But he must not stay with you more than two days, or, if necessary, three.
3. If he wants to settle with you and is an artisan, he must work for his living.
4. If, however, he has no trade, use your judgment in taking steps for him to live with you as a Christian without being idle.
5. If he refuses to do this, he is trading on Christ. You must be on your guard against such people.

### **Thirteenth ~**

1. Every genuine prophet who wants to settle with you "has a right to his support."
2. Similarly, a genuine teacher himself, just like a "workman, has a right to his support."



3. Hence take all the first fruits of vintage and harvest, and of cattle and sheep, and give these first fruits to the prophets. For they are your high priests.
4. If, however, you have no prophet, give them to the poor.
5. If you make bread, take the first fruits and give in accordance with the precept.
6. Similarly, when you open a jar of wine or oil, take the first fruits and give them to the prophets.
7. Indeed, of money, clothes, and of all your possessions, take such first fruits as you think right, and give in accordance with the precept.

### **Fourteenth ~**

1. On every Lord's Day—his special day—come together and break bread and give thanks, first confessing your sins so that your sacrifice may be pure.
2. Anyone at variance with his neighbour must not join you, until they are reconciled, lest your sacrifice be defiled.
3. For it was of this sacrifice that the Lord said, "Always and everywhere offer me a pure sacrifice; for I am a great King, says the Lord, and my name is marvelled at by the nations."

### **Fifteenth ~**

1. You must, then, elect for yourselves bishops and deacons who are a credit to the Lord, men who are gentle, generous, faithful, and well tried. For their ministry to you is identical with that of the prophets and teachers.
2. You must not, therefore, despise them, for along with the prophets and teachers they enjoy a place of honour among you.
3. Furthermore, do not reprove each other angrily, but quietly, as you find it in the gospel. Moreover, if anyone has wronged his neighbour, nobody must speak to him, and he must not hear a word from you, until he repents.
4. Say your prayers, give your charity, and do everything just as you find it in the gospel of our Lord.

### **Sixteenth ~**

1. "Watch" over your life: do not let "your lamps" go out, and do not keep "your loins ungirded"; but "be ready," for "you do not know the hour when our Lord is coming."
2. Meet together frequently in your search for what is good for your souls, since "a lifetime of faith will be of no advantage" to you unless you prove perfect at the very last.
3. For in the final day's multitudes of false prophets and seducers will appear.
4. Sheep will turn into wolves, and love into hatred. For with the increase of iniquity men will hate, persecute, and betray each other. And then the world deceiver will appear in the guise of God's Son. He will work "signs and wonders" and the earth will fall into his hands and he will commit outrages such as have never occurred before.
5. Then mankind will come to the fiery trial "and many will fall away" and perish, "but those who persevere" in their faith "will be saved" by the Curse himself.
6. Then "there will appear the signs" of the Truth: first the sign of stretched-out [hands] in heaven, then the sign of "a trumpet's blast," and thirdly the resurrection of the dead, though not of all the dead,
7. But as it has been said: "The Lord will come and all his saints with him. Then the world will see the Lord coming on the clouds of the sky."

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