

This, I believe...

I believe in the transformative and liberating power of relationships.

I believe a political liberal and a liberal religionist are two distinct and different things.

I believe Sunday worship, Church School, and Memorial Services are three of the most important things we do in our congregations.

I believe the church exists to transform lives into the fullest use of the creative mind and the broadest affections of which the heart is capable.

I believe every minister should raise money and be involved in the congregation's financial affairs.

I believe philosophy asks the question, "Is life worth living?", and theology asks the question, "What meaning have you found in life?" I believe they are different pursuits.

I believe that God moves through the world in the form of freedom. Thus, I believe freedom and creativity are spiritual qualities involving abiding spiritual matters.

I believe playing on a team to be as good a preparation for ministry as seminary.

I believe church and state are different centers of power and influence, and must be as distinct and independent of one another as possible for freedom to flourish.

I believe persons can choose and do evil as well as good, and that neither is inevitable or predetermined.

I believe every congregation today needs to be a Learning Organization.

I believe every congregation should strive to have as one of its outreach efforts, direct experience working in another culture.

I believe a minister today needs to be a theologian, and move easily and well within the language and categories of theology.

I believe the biggest threat to our planet at the dawn of the 21st century comes from religion and involves religion's inability and/or unwillingness to accept the "variety of religious experiences" that typify humankind.

I believe raising children is an explicit act of faith.