

# UMJC

*Welcoming Messiah Home*

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The UMJC is the oldest and broadest affiliation of congregations serving the Jewish movement for Yeshua as Messiah and Lord. By focusing on congregations committed to Yeshua and connected with Jewish life and identity, we are welcoming Messiah home today, as in the days when “many thousands of believers . . . among the Jews” (Acts 21:20) lived in loyalty to the Jewish people and to the Jewish Messiah. We also look ahead to the time when a Jewish remnant welcomes Messiah home, as Yeshua foretold: “You will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord’” (Matt. 23:37-39).

Yeshua, by virtue of His atoning death and bodily resurrection, has provided the atonement for our sins. The congregations of the UMJC are committed to bringing this message to our people so that they too may believe in Yeshua and find the peace with God promised by our prophets for Israel and all humanity.

At our founding in 1979, we listed five organizational objectives:

- To further the initiation, establishment, and growth of Messianic Jewish Congregations worldwide.
- To be a voice for Messianic Jewish Congregations and Messianic Judaism worldwide.
- To provide a forum for the discussion of issues relevant to Messianic Judaism and Messianic Jewish Congregations.
- To aid in the causes of our Jewish people worldwide, especially in Israel.
- To support the training of Messianic Leaders.

We summarize these objectives in a simple statement of our mission:

**To establish, strengthen, and multiply congregations for Yeshua within the house of Israel.**

## **Core Values**

In pursuing this vision, we hold to these core values

### **1. Unity in diversity**

The UMJC represents diverse congregations united in our commitment to the authority of Scripture as the Word of God, the ongoing significance of the Torah for Jewish life, and the centrality of Yeshua as Lord and Messiah. Deference and respect are key elements in our fellowship.

### **2. Community relationships**

- As a movement for Yeshua within the house of Israel, we stand in solidarity with the larger Jewish community, including the state of Israel. We are committed to the continuity of the Jewish people and to participation in our common tradition.
- As a movement for Yeshua, we also value and affirm our place within the entire community of Messiah and are committed to its genuine unity.

### **3. Congregational success**

The local congregation is foundational to Messianic Judaism. Therefore, we are committed to the success of our member congregations as places where Jewish people can encounter Yeshua as Messiah and live for him as Jews.

### **4. Organizational integrity**

We seek to develop and apply biblically rooted standards of integrity and accountability in all that we do as an organization, and to foster them in the polity of each of our member congregations.

### **5. Dignity and inclusion**

- We recognize that all people are made in the image of God and therefore will endeavor to treat them with respect.
- We warmly welcome into our midst all who embrace our vision and core values and are committed to the success of our efforts.

## **Statement of Faith**

All congregations and chavurot that seek membership in the UMJC shall commit themselves to the following standards:

1. We believe the Bible is the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of G-d.
2. We believe that there is one G-d, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of the L-RD Yeshua, the Messiah, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the believer is enabled to live a godly life.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in the L-RD Yeshua, the Messiah.
8. We believe in the process of discipline and conflict resolution taught in Matthew 18:15ff, as applicable to all congregants and leaders.
9. As Jewish followers of Yeshua, we are called to maintain our Jewish biblical heritage and remain a part of our people Israel and the universal body of believers. This is part of our identity and a witness to the faithfulness of G-d.