DOCTRINAL AFFIRMATIONS
Association for Evangelists
Of the Billy Graham School
At the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

READ CAREFULLY each point and initial each one that you can, in good conscience, agree to uphold. Some of these affirmations are specifically relating to Itinerant Evangelists and would not be applicable for a person called as a Pastor.

The International Conference for Itinerant Evangelists, Amsterdam 1983 Affirmations

1. We affirm Jesus Christ as God, our Lord and Savior, who is revealed in the Bible, which is the infallible Word of God.
2. We affirm our commitment to the Great Commission of our Lord, and we declare our willingness to go anywhere, do anything, and sacrifice anything God requires of us in the fulfillment of that Commission.
3. We respond to God’s call to the biblical ministry of the evangelist, and accept our solemn responsibility to preach the Word to all people as God gives opportunity.
4. God loves every human being, who, apart from faith in Christ is under God’s judgment and destined for hell.
5. The heart of the biblical message is the good news of God’s salvation, which comes by grace alone through faith in the risen Lord Jesus Christ and His atoning death on the cross for our sins.
6. In our proclamation of the Gospel we recognize the urgency of calling all to decision to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and to do so lovingly and without coercion or manipulation. (emphasis added)
7. We need and desire to be filled and controlled by the Holy Spirit as we bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, because God alone can turn sinners from their sin and bring them to everlasting life.
8. We acknowledge our obligation, as servants of God, to lead lives of holiness and moral purity, knowing that we exemplify Christ to the church and to the world.
9. A life of regular and faithful prayer and Bible study is essential to our personal spiritual growth, and to our power for ministry.
10. We will be faithful stewards of all that God gives us, and will be accountable to others in the finances of our ministry, and honest in reporting our statistics.
11. Our families are a responsibility given to us by God, and are a sacred trust to be kept as faithfully as our call to minister to others.
12. We are responsible to the church, and will endeavor always to conduct our ministries so as to build up the local body of believers and serve the church at large.
13. We are responsible to arrange for the spiritual care of those who come to faith under our ministry, to encourage them to identify with the local body of believers, and seek to provide for the instruction of believers in witnessing to the Gospel.
14. We share Christ’s deep concern for the personal and social sufferings of humanity, and we accept our responsibility as Christians and as evangelists to do our utmost to alleviate human need.
15. We beseech the body of Christ to join with us in prayer and work for peace in our world, for revival and renewed dedication to the biblical priority of evangelism in the church, and for the oneness of believers in Christ for the fulfillment of the Great Commission, until Christ returns.
Do you believe and adhere to the SBC Baptist Faith and Message 2000? Where not, please explain. ________

Do you believe in the exclusivity of Christ’s claims to be the only way to find forgiveness of sins and ultimately spend eternity in Heaven? ________ If not, please explain.

Do you believe in the universal offer of the Gospel, namely that despite one’s belief about God’s election of some to salvation, the evangelist may give a bone fide offer of the Gospel to all people? ______ If not, please explain.

Do you believe that it is God who draws people to Christ through the Holy Spirit, and it is not the Evangelist’s responsibility to gain results either by coercion or manipulation of a congregation? ______ If not, please explain.

Will you agree to abstain from all forms of manipulation or coercion in your invitation, which includes, but not limited to: unnaturally drawing out the invitation, using verbal pressure, or appealing unnaturally to emotions? ________ If not, please explain.

I [undersigned] hereby pledge my honor to do the above in a spirit of humility, deference, and love for the sake of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to whom I will give an account for my actions on the Day of Judgment.

Sign ____________________ Print Name __________________________ Date __/__/20___