

**Faith Statement**  
**Rachel Rasmussen**

*As part of her process toward baptism on August 2, 2013, Rachel wrote this statement of faith:*

Being baptized is about affirming my identity as a child of God and a sister in the Church.

It's a response to the claim that God has already placed on my life and a demonstration of the path I choose to walk, day after day.

Baptism washes me with the Holy Spirit, through and through, as I let go and offer up every piece of myself.

I am baptized into a great cloud of witnesses that has come before me, into the cross-cultural church universal, and into this particular community of faith. I ask this Circle of Mercy to hold me and challenge me as we walk together in the Way of Jesus.

In this baptism, I pledge my loyalties to none other but the Creator God whose Holy Spirit breathes wildly through all creation.

And together with all the saints, I commit my life's work to the manifestation of the Beloved Community.