

SAT-7 UK STATEMENT OF FAITH

The vision of SAT-7, since it was formed over 25 years ago, has been to see a growing Church in the Middle East and North Africa, confident in Christian faith and witness, serving the community and contributing to the good of society and culture. SAT-7's mission is to provide the churches and Christians of the Middle East and North Africa an opportunity to witness to Jesus Christ through inspirational, informative, and educational television services.

SAT-7, from its inception, has had a clear statement of faith that underpins its mission and vision in the context of the Middle East, with an approach that helps build unity through diversity. (John 17:21)

SAT-7's statements of faith are the ¹Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed of 381 and the ²Lausanne Covenant of 1974. Those who work with SAT-7 UK and the family of SAT-7 entities accept these documents as unifying statements. Churches, institutions and individuals who formally affiliate with SAT-7 (as a Partner, Associate, Council member, etc.) must subscribe to the Nicene Creed, and agree to work together according to the principles and guidelines of the Lausanne Covenant.

The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed is one of the oldest professions of Christian faith, and the most widely recognised among both Eastern and Western churches. SAT-7's subscription to it locates our ministry firmly within the "great tradition" of Christianity and affirms our willingness to work with all who belong to it. The Lausanne Covenant is one of the most representative and authoritative modern statements of evangelical faith and mission practice. Grounded in Scripture and core theological convictions, it affirms SAT-7's belief in the purpose of God, the authority and power of the bible, the uniqueness and universality of Christ, and defines and expounds the churches' task of evangelisation in terms of both proclamation and social action.

SAT-7's endorsement of these statements, along with all UK staff and volunteers, underlies and shapes our commitment to work together in holistic mission with the different churches of the Middle East, North Africa, and the UK and Republic of Ireland.

¹ https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/apostles-creed#na

² https://lausanne.org/content/covenant/lausanne-covenant#cov

SAT-7 UK VISION & VALUES



SAT-7's vision is to see a growing Church in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), confident in Christian faith and witness, serving the community and contributing to the good of society and culture.



Through our partnership with SAT-7 International, we are bringing life-changing joy to the people of the Middle East & North Africa through powerful, faith-filled television and digital media programmes, supported in the UK through prayer, giving and influencing to bring about change. For 25 years, SAT-7 has dedicated itself to impacting the region positively for Jesus. We are taking a

stand against the negativity and despair that so often surrounds the region –

choosing a different path by telling a different story.

But in the context of ongoing poverty, conflict and persecution, having a vision that has the faith to see a growing, confident and serving Church, across the MENA region, is bold. As we remain committed to the core values of our international

family, we also feel called to create **values** that shape how we make God's love visible and to help us deliver the next season of SAT-7 UK's vision. The way we bring joy, show love and strengthen faith – not just of our viewers across the MENA, but also in the lives of our staff, volunteers, supporters and partners in the UK – is really important. So, over the next five years, as an organisation and staff team, we will seek to be <u>authentic</u>, <u>courageous</u>, <u>creative</u> and <u>servant-hearted</u>:



We will aim to be **AUTHENTIC...**

- faithfully representing the lives of the MENA context, people and Church.
- building genuine relationships of trust and accountability with supporters.
- valuing team members as individuals, being open to listen and to change.

We will choose to be

COURAGEOUS...

- being open about the challenges and complexities of the MENA region.
- sharing our vision, hopes, dreams, and plans with supporters and partners.
- building honest and resilient relationships with colleagues and clients.





We will strive to be **CREATIVE...**

- showcasing inspirational stories of how our viewers' lives are being changed.
- connecting supporters with people and programmes in innovative ways.
- growing deeper staff relationships, solving problems, and developing new skills.

We will *commit* to be

SERVANT-HEARTED...

- looking to faithfully serve and prayerfully learn from MENA Christians.
- intentionally prioritising our supporters, asking for and reflecting on feedback.
- being kind and generous in the time staff and volunteers give to each other.

