

1. Before discussing how Christians should relate to people of other faiths, we should try to clarify what our own faith is. How would you define Christianity?
2. Our church website says our “core beliefs” are (1) Jesus Christ alone is Lord of all and the way of salvation; (2) Holy Scripture is the triune God's revealed Word, the Church's only infallible rule of faith and life; and (3) God's people are called to holiness in all aspects of life. This includes honoring the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman. Is it necessary to believe all three of these in order to be a Christian?
3. How did the Apostle Paul summarize the essentials of the faith for the early church in Corinth? See 1 Cor. 15:3-6? What did he leave out that you consider important? If Paul included all the basics, do we have any reason to refuse to associate with those who accept those basics but have different views on controversial social issues, like gay marriage, abortion, etc.?
4. The President of the Aquidneck Island Clergy Association is a Jewish rabbi. Should pastors of Christian churches belong to such a group? Should Christians attend events sponsored by the Aquidneck Island Clergy Association? Why or why not?
5. How should Christians respond to a proposal to build a mosque in our city or a nearby city? If your answer is based on our country's constitutional right to freedom of religion, should Christians respond to fellow citizens who protest against allowing a mosque?
6. How should Christians relate to those we encounter, in our city or in an airport, for example, whose clothing and/or hairstyle indicates that they are Muslim? Possible answers: (a) ignore them and hope they'll go away, (b) give them a tract and try to convert them; (c) take some initiative to befriend them; or (d) none of the above?