

Preamble

Convinced that the public educational system, because of its alleged neutral character, fosters a secular way of life among its students; and convinced that there is a divinely enjoined responsibility upon believing parents to provide for their children a Bible-centred Christian education; and convinced that this can be accomplished best by concerted action, we as believing parents do make and adopt the following articles of association, to wit:

Article I: Name

This organization shall be known as Community Christian School Association, hereafter called: the Association.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the Association is the establishment, operation and maintenance of a Bible-centred Christian elementary and secondary day school programme of education, in which instruction shall be provided in accordance with Article IV, RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES; and in which the curriculum and academic standard shall be equivalent to that set forth by the Department of Education of the Province of Ontario.

Article III: Basis

The basis of the Association is the Word of God, the Bible, which we hold to be in its entirety the infallible revelation of God. We hold the following truths to be fundamental and self-evident teachings from the Word of God:

- God is one, yet three persons, co-equal; the Father the Son the Holy Spirit.
- He is the Creator of heaven and earth, having created life and substance by a direct creation act, and furthermore, upholding and directing all things according to His will and by His power.
- 3. He reveals Himself, as well as His will for man, through His written Word, the Bible, and, especially in these last days, He has spoken unto us through Christ, the Word become flesh.
- 4. Christ is both truly God and truly man; born of the virgin Mary.
- 5. His death on the cross was a substitutional atonement for the sins of all who believe in Him as their Saviour.
- 6. He arose from the grave, a physical personal resurrection.
- He shall come again, a personal return, upon the clouds of Heaven, to judge the living and the dead, and to bring about a new heaven and a new earth.
- 8. All men are dead in sin and need the new birth through the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit.
- 9. Salvation from sin and condemnation is by grace alone, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The believer, saved by grace, as a new creature in Christ will, through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, manifest a joyful, thankful, living witness to the saving power of Christ.

Article IV: Religious Principles

Believing that the Lord God, in His Word, the Bible, has revealed to His people ordering principles intensely relevant to education, we confess in addition to the basic articles of our faith - Article III Basis: - the following scriptural principles as guidelines for instruction:

- **1. Creation:** The universe and all things created by God in the beginning were made good and perfect, as we read in Genesis 1:31, "And God saw everything that He had made, and behold it was very good."
- **2. Man:** Man was created by God in His own image (Genesis 1:26-27) to enjoy fellowship with his Creator. Furthermore, man, endowed with special gifts far above any other living creature, received the mandate to have dominion over all things in accordance with God's will to His honour and glory (I Corinthians 10:31).
- **3. Sin:** Through the instigation of the Devil, man yielded to temptation and willfully disobeyed God. This brought the curse and wrath of God against sin upon man and universe. As a result, the universe came into bondage to decay, "...groaning in travail together..." (Romans 8:18-25), and man died a spiritual death, unable to do any good before God (Romans 7:13-25, Ephesians 2:1-6), as well as a physical and eternal death, all because of his willful disobedience (Genesis 2:17).
- **4. Christ:** Christ is God's provision (Genesis 3:15) to remove His curse and wrath, so that through Him, man and creation would be redeemed and reconciled to God (John 3:16). All those who by true faith accept Christ as God's provision are no more under condemnation, but are reconciled with God (Romans 8:1-2). There is no other way of reconciliation with God than through Christ (Acts 4:12).
- **5. The Believer:** A person is a believer when by a true faith he trusts in Christ alone for his salvation (Acts 16:31); is born again through the power of the Holy Spirit (John 3:3); and through being in Christ bears the fruit of the Spirit (John 15:1-17).
 - a. The Parent: Believing parents have the God-given responsibility to teach their children the will and fear of God (Deuteronomy 6:4-9), and to nurture the faith that God in His own way and time will graciously instill within their hearts (Acts 2-39, II Timothy 1:5).
 - b. The Child: Children of the Christian home are a heritage of the Lord (Psalm 127:3), and should be brought up in the fear and admonition of the Lord (Proverbs 22:6).
 - c. The Teacher: In addition to possessing the highest academic standards possible, the teacher, as a believer, must reflect at all times, by word and example, the love of Christ and the honour of God

- **6. The Kingdom of God:** Through His perfect sacrifice and obedience to God's will, Christ received dominion over all things (Psalm 72:8). It is the proper and urgent mandate to all believers to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:18-19), and furthermore, as members of the Kingdom of Heaven, to defend and further this recognition of Christ's Lordship in all areas of life.
- 7. The Christian School: Since the school is an extension of the home and therefore of parental responsibility, Christian parents believe that Community Christian School will teach their children, as God's precious heritage, in an atmosphere of love for and obedience to God's will, and in accordance with the truths of His Word. The teaching in the Christian School must at all times be characterized by a positive faith in and subjection to God's Word, a genuine love for God and all men, a sincere appreciation of the believer's mandate, and an appropriate refutation of all modern skepticism and unbelief against the truths of God's Word.

Article V: Principles of Government

The membership of the Association, through its lawfully elected board, shall at all times be the sole legislative, judiciary and governing agency in all matters pertaining to the Association in accordance with the bylaws of the Association and in harmony with the Ontario provincial legislation.

Article VI: Amending the Constitution

Articles I through VI inclusive, compose as a whole the constitution of the Association, and said constitution can be enlarged or amended only by a clear 2/3 majority vote of the entire membership of the Association eligible to vote on constitutional matters.

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