

Basis and Educational Creed

In deep gratitude to God, our heavenly Father for Jesus Christ, His Son, our Savior, who was made unto wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption (1Cor. 1:30), we do hereby, in order to instruct our children in the fear of the Lord for all of life, establish a society for Christian education according to the principles and provisions set forth with the humble prayer that God may bless our society to the glory of His name and the salvation and benefit of many of His children.

Basis

The Supreme Standard of this society for elementary and secondary education shall be the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, which we believe to be the Word of God, as they are thus confessed in the historic creeds of the Reformation (for example, Articles 2-7 of the Belgic Confession, that not only affirm God's general revelation to us through creation, but also define our understanding of the origin, authority and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures).

Educational Statement of Principles

Believing that the Lord God, by graciously giving us the Scriptures, has revealed to His people certain basic principles intensely relevant to education, we confess:

1. *Life*: Human life in its entirety is religion, which means that we must serve God in every area of our life, in obedience and out of thankfulness. We are, therefore, also required to direct the training of our children accordingly.
2. *Bible*: The Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God;
 - ~ it enlightens our understanding,
 - ~ it directs our life and all our activities,
 - ~ it reveals the origin of man and of all creation,
 - ~ it is the key to knowledge of God, of ourselves and of the world
 - ~ its truth must form the basis of all curriculum and disciplines taught to our children.
3. *God and Creation*: God, the Father, has created all things. He preserves His creation, and He continues to manifest His power and dominion in the cosmos. The ultimate purpose of creation is to glorify His name.
4. *Christ*: The Christ of the Scripture, the Word of God incarnate, reconciles the world to God, redeems our life in its entirety, restores our fellowship with God and the neighbour and renews our mind to know rightly God, ourselves and the world in which we live.
5. *The Holy Spirit*: The evidence of Christ's presence in our life is the work of the Holy Spirit. Our children must be made aware that the presence of God, the Father, and the saving work of Christ through the working of the Holy Spirit remains with them always, also in their educational environment. It inspires and enables us to do God's will and to seek His glory in all things.
6. *Man and Sin*: Man is created in the image of God, who also established a covenantal relationship with the believers and with their children. This requires us to reflect the excellencies of our Creator and to serve Him in loving obedience. Man, by disobeying God's law and forsaking His purpose estranged himself from God and his neighbour, and brought God's curse upon the creation. As a result fallen man has become blind to the true meaning of life and misuses and represses the knowledge of God, which confronts him in creation, and the Scripture.
7. *The Kingdom of God*: In God's kingdom the rule of Jesus Christ over all things is established and, therefore, it makes the acquisition of all knowledge possible and meaningful. Since we must subject every thought in obedience to Christ we, therefore, reject any attempt to withdraw any aspect of Life from the Divine commandment to love the Lord with all our heart, soul and mind. We will constantly endeavor to express and apply this Kingdom vision in all disciplines of learning.
8. *Purpose of School Education*: The purpose of education at the schools is to attain understanding, wisdom and righteousness and so to instill in the child an awareness of God's presence in his life.
 - ~ to provide the child with skills and understanding of himself, his relationship to God, to others and to the world around and to so faithfully serve the Lord in all areas.
 - ~ to provide learning experiences suitable to the needs and abilities of each child.
 - ~ to achieve excellence in all endeavors, in accordance with the talents God has provided each child.
9. *The Christian School Organization*: The schools, established and controlled by an association of Christian believers, in accordance with its constitution and bylaws, possesses the freedom to function in the field of education in the complete and voluntary submission to the Kingship of Christ.