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"Strengthening children's lives and character through excellence in Christian education."

STATEMENT OF FAITH

A. GOD

- a) We believe that the one and only true God is spirit, self-existent, infinite, personal, unchangeable, and external in His being; perfect in every way; creator and sustainer of all things; controller of the universe; externally existent is three persons, one in substance and co-equal in power and glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- b) We acknowledge the Bible as the infallible Word of God. It is the ultimate authority in instructing us concerning God, ourselves, and God's dealings with all of His creation. It is valuable in instructing mankind how to preserve and maintain our universe so as to bring the greatest blessing and enjoyment to all of creation. It is the final authority for life and faith.

B. JESUS

We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal existence of God. We believe in His incarnation, being conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary; in His sinless life and miraculous works; in His vicarious death to make atonement for sins of mankind; in His bodily resurrection and ascension to the right hand of God; in His imminent coming in power and glory.

C. HOLY SPIRIT

We believe the Holy Spirit is the third person of the triune God. He is one in majesty and glory with the Father and the Son, very God and eternally God. His work is to convict men of sin, of righteousness and of judgment; to regenerate those who repent of their sins and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ; to sanctify, endue with power, teach, guide and comfort believers. He empowers believers to live a successful Christian life in accordance with God's Word.

D. MAN AND REDEMPTION

- a) We believe that man was created by an act of God and not by a process of evolution; that man was created in the image and likeness of God for the purpose of glorifying God and enjoying Him forever.
- b) We believe that our first parents, with freedom of choice given them by God, were deluded by Satan and deliberately disobeyed God's command, bringing sin into the human race. They were thus alienated from God, bringing upon themselves and all generations to follow the sentence of death, both spiritual and physical.
- c) We believe that God has provided redemption for all men through the mediative work of Christ, who voluntarily offered Himself on Calvary as a perfect sacrifice for sin, the just suffering for the unjust, bearing sin's curse and tasting death for every man. Since all men are sinners and guilty before God and are dead in trespasses and sins and are therefore unable to save themselves, God has, out of His infinite love, given His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to become man's Saviour.

E. THE UNIVERSE

- a) We believe God's original creation was perfect in all ways. We believe that it reveals God's divine nature, His eternal powers and His unfailing love towards His creation.
- b) We believe the created universe reveals the heart of God and it allows us to have an understanding of God's will and plan in allowing mankind to be responsible for using and maintaining the universe.

F. THE FUTURE

- a) We believe that God has given to mankind, absolutes that do not change from generation to generation or situation to situation.
- b) We believe these absolutes make us responsible for our own actions; to our own families, to our communities and to our society and world in general.
- c) We believe these absolutes should have preserving influence on the world as they are based on God's Word.
- d) We believe that the highest concern of these absolutes is not with immediate personal self-gratification at the expense of others, but that they will benefit society now and prepare us for a successful responsible tomorrow and enable us to be prepared for eternity.
- e) We believe that God intervenes in the affairs of this world. At the time of God's choosing, Jesus will bodily return to the earth in power and glory to judge and rule the world, as God's Kingdom is fully and forever established.
- f) We believe that today's existence is temporal and will pass away, but that eternity is permanent.
- g) We believe that all mankind will live in eternity, but it is a prepared place, for a prepared people, and man is held accountable before God to make that preparation.
- h) We believe the promise of Scripture that God will create a new heaven and a new earth which will be the eternal dwelling place of those who have been made righteous in Christ.
- i) We believe in the bodily resurrection of all humanity to stand before God for final judgement. Those who have not accepted His life-giving grace will be raised to experience eternal punishment being separated from God and all that is good. Those who have trusted in Christ will be raised to live eternally in God's presence and receive the promised reward.

G. BIBLE

- a) We believe that the Bible, consisting of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, is divinely inspired, infallible, entirely trustworthy and the final authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- b) The Bible, as originally written under the inspiration and supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit by human authors, is the Word of God, the supreme source of truth for Christian belief.

- c) The Bible reveals who God is, exposes who we are in light of His holiness, proclaims God's merciful salvation and teaches and trains Christ's followers how to grow in relationship with God and others.

H. MARRIAGE

- a) We believe marriage is part of God's design in establishing the family. We believe that marriage is a lifelong covenant between one man and one woman. This heterosexual union is the only appropriate relationship within which the joy of sexual intimacy is to be expressed.
- b) We affirm such marriage as God's design for a lifelong loving relationship, sexual intimacy, and the birth and nurture of children. Christian marriage is intended for those who share a common faith in Christ. Such a marriage is blessed of God.

I. TEACHING

- a) We believe that each person is uniquely created and has been endowed with God-given abilities to be developed in order to make a whole person, an image-bearer of God whose life is marked by a love for God and a desire to do His will.
- b) We believe that teaching is more than the mere presentation of knowledge; it is molding the student to assume the responsibility for learning and developing their potential to act in wisdom.
- c) We believe Christian education is not just for the intellectually elite, but for every child.

J. HOME AND SCHOOL

- a) We believe the authority and responsibility for educating children resides with the parents or guardians of the children rather than with the state or church. Parents, for various reasons, may delegate a part of their authority to those who competently carry out this God-given parental duty.
- b) We believe the Christian School is an indispensable partner with the home, the church, and other Christian agencies. It cannot replace the home, but is there to reinforce it and to ensure a sound and scriptural viewpoint of the world. Therefore, the home and the school must be founded on the same Christ-centered principles in order for the education to be successful. Here Christian teachers transform all activities and studies into expressions of wisdom, helping the students to become complete persons living as followers of Christ.
- c) We believe the Christian School is a place where committed Christian teachers who believe in and agree with the doctrinal and philosophical statements of the school, desire to instruct their students according to Biblical principles and standards. Despite their shortcomings and failings they assume the awesome task and responsibility for Christian education. They humbly dedicate themselves with joy and sometimes with pain, to walk in fellowship with God and each other, and with the young people they instruct in the ways of the Lord.
- d) We believe students attending a Christian School are to be developed to their fullest potential, and to be able to use current educational and vocational equipment.

- e) We believe that upon completion of each year's studies or graduation, students of the Christian School should be able to succeed in any public school system that they might attend, subject to their own personal capabilities.
- f) We believe the Christian School is an institution whose policies, programs and activities are governed by the message of the Bible.

K. GOVERNMENT

- a) We declare our allegiance to the government of Canada and declare our purpose to assist in every way morally consistent with our faith.

I (We) have read the Statement of Faith and agree to support the statements in our home and have my (our) child(ren) educated in accordance with them.

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EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

RELATIONSHIP TO GOD

To teach on a consistent daily basis, in a practical and relevant manner, not only as a separate class but also intermingled as part of the ordinary way of living, talking, thinking and acting, the infallibility of the Word of God, the teachings concerning God, Jesus, man's fall, the need for personal redemption through faith in the atoning work of Jesus, and the role of the Holy Spirit to enable a person to live the Christian life.

To deepen the students' awareness of God's part in all of creation and their responsibility to live in harmony with God's will which includes the maintenance and preservation of God's creation.

INDIVIDUALITY

To impress upon each student that they have been created by God and given special abilities by Him; they are very special persons for whom God has a special purpose.

ETHICS

To teach the students that we as Christians live by standards that do not change even though circumstances and society's values change. Right will always remain right and wrong will stay wrong; that lying, stealing, cheating, immorality, murder, anger, revenge etc. are not acceptable modes of conduct and will destroy individuals and nations as warned in God's Word.

To ensure that students realize selfish pleasures must be equated with the teachings found in God's Word. They need to realize how it affects their personal relationship with God, family, society and eternity and that they are responsible and accountable for their actions.

To instill in each student a system of work ethics and skills that will enable them to succeed in their future occupations and enable them to have an uplifting, preserving influence in society, and a sense of well-being concerning themselves.

ACADEMICS

To ensure that basic competence in communication and functional computation is a standard and to encourage the development of academic skills for post-elementary education.

To ensure that the students transferring from the Christian School to the secular system would have had a superior training; that they would be competent with modern technology being provided in the public school system.

To ensure that the knowledge and skills received would be translated into wisdom.

DISCIPLINE

To endeavour to use discipline that would allow outward control of a young student, to grow and become an inward control in the adolescent. It is the conforming of a child to proper behaviour not because of fear of peer influences but from applying the principles of God. The discipline becomes wrapped up in Christ-like love.

THE HOME

To impress to the student God’s plan for the total family and to assist the student with their role within the family unit to recognize that the parents will provide a perspective of each child that is only seen at home. The parents need to understand the same will be true of the school. Working together on a student’s development plan will strengthen the student, build a supportive role between the school and the home and in general will set a Christian example in the community.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STUDENT

To have a total program that is pupil related, a system of proper assessment and evaluation in place. The philosophy of the school must be tangibly seen in moulding and nurturing young lives.

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