



DURHAM CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

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SUMMARY OF CONSTITUTION OF THE DURHAM CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Preamble

Believing that it is our duty and our privilege as Christian believers to provide Christian secondary education for our children, and believing that this can best be accomplished by concerted action, we, the members of the Durham Christian High School Association (henceforth referred to as the Association) do hereby make and adopt the following articles of association, to wit:

Article 1: Name

This organization shall be known as the Durham Christian High School Association.

Article 2: Basis

The supreme standard of the Association for secondary education is the scripture of the Old and New Testaments, which are the infallible word of God, as interpreted by the Reformed Standards (e.g. Belgic Confession, Heidelberg Catechism, Canons of Dort, and the Westminster Confession and Catechism), revealing among other things, ordering principles intensely relevant to education. This basis allows for the following principle guidelines for Christian education: Since God mandates man to bring the whole Word of God to bear in all its power upon education, we believe:

1. human life in its entirety is religion, for God created man to serve Him everywhere, and requires us to educate our children for His service;
2. the Bible as the written Word of God is the Truth by which the Holy Spirit enlightens our understanding of God, ourselves and the world, and the infallible authority by which He directs and governs all our activities, including the education of our children;
3. since the world, in its origin, gracious preservation and ultimate restoration, is the work of the Triune God, and the glorification of His name its purpose, we can understand the world rightly only in its relation to Him;
4. man was created in the image of God to enjoy covenantal fellowship with his Creator and to reflect in his person and works the excellences of his Maker, and was to exercise dominion over the world in strict and loving obedience to God and to interpret all reality in accordance with His design and law;

5. sin is disobedience of God's law and that man, by sinning, forsook his office and task, estranged himself from God and his neighbour, and brought God's curse upon the creation. As a result, man has become corrupt in heart and blind to the true meaning of life and represses and misuses the knowledge of God which confronts him in creation and in Scripture;
6. Jesus Christ, our living Lord, of Whom the Scriptures testify, has reconciled the world to God and redeems our life in its entirety. Through His Spirit He renews our hearts to love God and our neighbor and redirects our understanding to rightly know God, ourselves and the world;
7. the kingship of the Lord Jesus Christ encompasses all spheres of life, and this makes education possible and meaningful. In obedience to Christ, we reject every attempt to withdraw any area of life from the divine commandment to love the Lord with all our heart and mind;
8. the purpose of Christian education is to direct and guide the child to commit their heart to Christ, to attain to understanding, wisdom and righteousness, and to perform his competent and responsible service to the Lord in church, state and society;
9. God has given parents the responsibility to nurture and educate their children. Therefore parents should establish and maintain schools;
10. the child entrusted by God to parents, needs ordering, correction and instruction. Children of the Christian home are a heritage of the Lord and share in the promises and the demands of the covenant. Hence they ought to receive Christian education;
11. the Christian school is an institution established and controlled by an association of Christian believers, which functions in education through total and voluntary submission to Christ;
12. the teacher, as servant of God, exercises authority in the performance of his/her office in educating the child in the school;
13. the curriculum of the Christian School is the medium through which the child is oriented to a life in Christ and helped in his/her strife to meet the purpose of its creation.

Article 3: Purpose

The Association's purpose is the establishment and maintenance of a school for secondary education in accordance with the basis of this Association.