



Columbia County Christian School

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SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

- Members of the Society are parents, grandparents, guardians or community members who apply to the directors for membership and comply with the By-laws according to their membership status. Columbia County Christian School Society accepts members of any race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and any other school-administered programs.
* Refer to Sec. 1., pg. 1:3 (a) of By-laws
- Parents with children attending the Columbia County Christian School are required to be members and are eligible for membership in the Society as either a Full voting Member or Associate non-voting Member. *
Refer to Sec. 1., pg. 1:6 (a, b, c) of By-laws
- Full (VOTING) members are those seeking to further the advancement of Christian schooling, desire to have their children educated in the Christian school established by the Society, and agree to subscribe the Society's Constitution.
- Full members shall promote the objectives of the Society and adhere to the principles for Christian Education set out in the Constitution. * Refer to Sec. 1., pg. 5:24 (a) of By-laws
- Associate (NON-VOTING) members are seeking to further the advancement of Christian schooling, desire to have their children educated in the Christian school established by the Society, but are unable to subscribe to the Constitution. **Refer to Sec. 1., pg. 5:24 (b) of By-laws
- Society members who volunteer time on the CCCS campus will be asked to submit a criminal background check form for the protection of our students. Forms are available in the CCCS Office.
- Full and associate members shall pay an annual membership fee to the Society of \$100.00 for up to two members.

Constitution of Columbia County Christian School Society

1. The name of the Society is "COLUMBIA COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SOCIETY."
2. The Society's Purposes are:
 - A. to establish and maintain schools for Christian education,
 - B. to provide for the Education of the students of Christian schools on the basis of the infallible Word of God, having regard for the following principles for Christian education:
 - i. that all things have been created to the end that Eternal God may be glorified in and through men,
 - ii. that God by his wise covenant arrangement has appointed the parents to be responsible for the training of the child, to the end that God in his glory shall be central and supreme in life's total experience,
 - iii. that the training of the child shall be continued under the parents' responsible supervision in a school that carries out the basic God centered program begun in the home,
 - C. to hire, engage or otherwise secure the services of teachers or other persons for the promotion and carrying out of any objectives of the Society,
 - D. to remunerate teachers and other persons for their services,
3. In case of dissolution of the Society, the property, assets, and monies belonging to the Society shall be donated to such non-profit Christian educational cause as may be decided upon by the Society members in good standing at a meeting called for that purpose, where not inconsistent with the Constitution of the Society or the laws of the United States of America.

The Statement of Purpose for the Society

A. Christian Principles The basis of CCCS is the infallible Word of God manifest in creation, incarnate in Jesus Christ and unscripted in the Bible as it is confessed to be God's Word. (Please see Statement of Faith)

- 1. The Bible:** That God by His infallible Word; renews mans understanding of Him, of man himself, of his fellow men and of the world; directs man in all his relationships and activities and therefore guides His people in the education of their children.
- 2. Creation:** That in their education, children must come to learn that the world and man's calling in it, can rightly be understood only in their relationship to the triune God who, by his creation, restoration, and governance, directs all things to the coming of His Kingdom and the glorification of His name.
- 3. Sin:** That mans sin alienates him from God and it distorts his view of the true meaning and purpose of life; and misdirects human culture.
- 4. Jesus Christ:** That through our Savior, Jesus Christ, there is renewal of our educational enterprise because He the Redeemer of, and the Light and the Way for, our human life in all its range and variety. Only through Him and the work of His Spirit are we guided in the truth and recommitted to our original calling.

B. Elements of Christian Education

- 1. Schools:** The purpose of Christian schools is to educate children for a life of obedience to their calling as image bearers of God; and that calling is to know God's Word and His creation, to consecrate the whole of human life to God, to love their fellowmen and to be stewards in their God given cultural task.
- 2. Parents:** The primary responsibility for education rests upon parents to whom God entrusts children, and that Christian parents should accept this obligation, which God established. If they should seek to discharge this obligation, it should be done through school associations and school boards that engage the services of Christian teachers in Christian schools
- 3. Teachers:** Christian teachers, in cooperation with parents, have a unique educational responsibility to God while educating the child.
- 4. Pupils:** Christian schools must take into account the variety of abilities, needs and responsibilities of young persons; that endowments and calling of young persons as God's image bearers, and their defects and inadequacies as sinners, require that such learning goals and such curricula will be selected as will best prepare them to live as obedient Christians; and that only with constant attention to such educational concerns, will education be truly Christian.
- 5. Community:** Because God's covenant embraces not only parents and their children but also the whole Christian community to which they belong, and Christian education contributes directly to the advancement of God's Kingdom, it is important that the Christian community pray and work hard to establish and support Christian schooling.
- 6. Educational Freedom:** Christian schools organized and administered in accordance with legitimate standards and provisions for day schools should be fully recognized in society as free to function according to these principles.

CCCS By-Laws are available by request or online at www.ccchristianschool.net

