



## JKCS Society Statement of Faith

By applying for membership in John Knox Christian School Society, I (we) understand and support the following statements:

**Believing that the Lord God, by graciously giving us the Scriptures, has revealed to His people ordering principles intensely relevant to education, and mandates us to bring the whole Word of God to bear in all its power upon education, we confess:**

**Life:** Human life in its entirety is religious, since God created us to serve Him everywhere. This requires us to educate our children for His service.

**Bible:** That 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.

**Creation:** That we can understand the world rightly only in its relation to God, because the world, in its origin, gracious preservation and ultimate restoration is the world of the Triune God, and since the glorification of His Name is its purpose.

**Mankind:** That we were created in the image of God to enjoy covenantal fellowship with our Creator and to reflect in our person and works the excellencies of our Maker, and were instructed 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.

**Sin:** That sin is disobedience to God's law and that we, by sinning, forsook our office and task, estranged ourselves from God and our neighbour, and brought God's curse upon the creation. As a result, we have become corrupt in heart and blind to the true meaning of life and repress and misuse the knowledge of God which confronts us in creation and in Scripture.

**Christ:** That Jesus Christ, of whom the Scriptures testify, who is truly God and fully man, has reconciled the world to God and redeems our life in its entirety. Through His Spirit He renews our heart to love God and our neighbour, and redirects our understanding to know rightly God, ourselves and the world.

**The Kingdom of God:** That the Kingdom of God is His present and future, righteous and universal reign through Jesus Christ. This reign of grace and power makes education possible and meaningful. In obedience to Christ we submit in every area of life to His commandment to love the Lord with all our heart and mind.

**Purpose of Education:** That the purpose of Christian education is to direct and guide the children to commit their hearts to Christ the Truth, to attain understanding, wisdom and righteousness, to perform competent and responsible service to the Lord in church, state and society.

**Parents/Guardians:** That God has given parents/guardians the responsibility to nurture and educate their children. Therefore parents/guardians should establish and maintain schools. The Christian school is an institution established and controlled by an association of Christian believers, to function in education in total and voluntary submission to Christ, the King.

**The Student:** That the student as a child, entrusted by God to parents/guardians 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 His covenant. Hence they ought to receive Christian education.

**The Teacher:** That "teachers", as servants of God, exercise authority in the performance of their office in educating the children in school."

I have read the Educational Principles of the JKCS Community as outlined above, and agree to have my child(ren) taught according to this educational philosophy.

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Signature of Father/Guardian

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Signature of Mother/Guardian

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