

**THE AMENDED AND RESTATED CONSTITUTION**  
of the  
Central Valley Christian School Society

**Preamble**

Believing that it is our duty and privilege as Christian parents to provide Christian education for our children and believing that this can best be accomplished by concerted action, we do hereby make and adopt the following articles of association, to wit:

**Article I – Name**

This Organization shall be known as the Central Valley Christian School Society (the “Society”).

**Article II – Basis**

The basis of Central Valley Christian Schools is the infallible and inerrant Word of God as interpreted in Reformed Standards, the Heidelberg Catechism, the Canons of Dort and the Belgic Confession. Central Valley Christian Schools is not an ecclesiastical body nor is it subject to any ecclesiastical organization. The government of the Central Valley Christian School Society is autonomous and is committed to the following educational principles:

**Section 1.** Christian education has its foundation in the Creator-creature relationship taught in the Scriptures. It is understood as a process wherein a child’s personality is formed by instruction in the truth of God and human knowledge leavened with that truth.

**Section 2.** The responsibility for education rests upon the parents (Deut. 6:6-9. Eph. 6:1-4). They may delegate a part of this responsibility to an institution which is able to carry forward their God-given task. The authority of the teacher in discipline and character training is derived from the fact that he or she stands in loco parentis; and the teacher derives authority in subject matter from faithfulness to the laws of God in special and general revelation.

**Section 3.** The child, created in the image of God, is regarded as a spiritual-physical being capable of learning, knowing, and obeying the truth of God’s Word and the laws of His creation. He or She is an image bearer regarded as a social creature standing in relation to his or her fellow man, having moral, intellectual, and social needs.

**Section 4.** The curriculum and instruction of the Christian school are the methods through which the child is oriented to a life in Christ and service to God.

**Article III – Purpose**

The purpose of the Society is to maintain a school for the daily instruction of our children, such instruction to be in accordance with Article II and directed toward the end that these children may occupy their places worthily in society, church, and state.

## **Article IV – Belief Statements**

Because of our commitment to the infallible and inerrant word of God, and as described in Article II, we adhere to the following convictions:

**Section 1.** We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Ps. 139.)

**Section 2.** We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27.) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen 2:18-25.) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4.) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10.) We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Central Valley Christian Schools as the local body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the Central Valley Christian Schools members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Central Valley Christian Schools in any capacity agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality (Matt. 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess. 5:22.) We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 6:9-11). We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Central Valley Christian Schools.

**Section 3.** The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Central Valley Christian Schools' faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Board of Trustees is Central Valley Christian Schools' final authority on the Bible's meaning and application, as understood by the creeds and confession in Article II.