



# Membership Application

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*Making a difference—in educating students in the light of God’s Word*

## Why Membership?

- Be part of a community which embraces the mission of Beacon Christian Schools and takes part in moving forward the vision of Beacon Christian Schools.
- Use your gifts of time, talent & treasure to achieve the mission & vision of Beacon Christian Schools.
- Take part in membership meetings by having the opportunity to vote at meetings (two regular meetings per year and any additional special meetings as called).
- Your ideas, energy, enthusiasm, and skills are needed to further the cause of Christian education.
- To have opportunities to serve as a member on the Board of Directors or any of its committees.
- To receive membership information packages.

## Becoming a Member:

- Each person, eighteen years of age or older, who subscribes to Articles II and III of By-Law No. 1 of the Constitution of the Association for Christian Education of St. Catharines shall be declared eligible for membership in the Association by the Board of Directors. (see Articles on reverse—full Constitution can be found at [www.beaconchristian.org](http://www.beaconchristian.org))
- Each applicant shall complete the application form below and agree to attend one Membership 101 Orientation Session held in the fall of each year.

I, We \_\_\_\_\_, have read and agree with Articles II and III of By-Law No. 1 of the Constitution of the Association for Christian Education of St. Catharines and hereby declare that I/we confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, understand and support the intent of the Constitution and vision of Beacon Christian Schools, will do my/our best to attend general meetings of the school, will pray for the school, its students, staff and leadership, agree to pay the annual membership fee, and declare readiness to participate in the operation of Beacon Christian Schools and the Association.

### OUR MISSION

The mission of Beacon Christian Schools is to equip students to impact communities by serving Christ.

### OUR VISION

The vision of Beacon Christian Schools is to influence culture for Christ.

Signature of Applicant(s):

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Excerpts from the Constitution of the  
Association for Christian Education of St. Catharines**  
(full version available at [www.beaconchristian.org](http://www.beaconchristian.org))

**BY-LAW NO. 1**

**ARTICLE II  
BASIS**

The basis of this Association is the infallible Word of God.

**ARTICLE III  
GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

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

1. LIFE:  
That human life in its entirety is religion, for God created people to serve Him everywhere, and requires us to educate our children for this purpose.
2. BIBLE:  
That the Bible as the written Word of God is the Truth by which the Holy Spirit enlightens our understanding of God, our selves and the world and is the infallible authority by which He directs and governs all our activities, including the education of our children.
3. CREATION:  
That 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. HUMANITY:  
That people were created in the image of God to enjoy covenantal fellowship with their Creator and to reflect in their persons and works the excellencies of their Maker, and were instructed to exercise dominion over the world in strict and loving obedience to God to interpret all reality in accordance with His design and law.
5. SIN:  
That sin is disobedience to God's law and that people by sinning forsook their office and task, estranging themselves from God and their neighbour, and brought God's curse upon the creation; as a result, people have become corrupt in heart and blind to the true meaning of life and repress and misuse the knowledge of God which confronts them in creation and Scripture.
6. JESUS CHRIST:  
That through our Saviour, Jesus Christ, there is renewal of our educational enterprises because He is 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.
7. THE KINGDOM OF GOD:  
That the rule of Jesus Christ over all things established the Kingdom of God and 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. PURPOSE OF EDUCATION:  
That the purpose of Christian education is to direct and guide children to commit their heart to Christ, the Truth; to attain to understanding, wisdom and righteousness; and to perform their competent and responsible service of the Lord in church, state and society.
9. MARRIAGE:  
That marriage is the unity between one man and one woman and this union, bonded by a relationship with God, forms a nourishing Christian environment within which children can flourish.
10. PARENTS:  
That God has given parents the responsibility to nurture and educate their children. Therefore Christians should establish and maintain Christian schools.
11. CHILD:  
That the child, entrusted by God to parents, needs ordering, correction and instruction. Children of the Christian home share in the promises of the Gospel, and are entitled to Christian education.
12. TEACHERS:  
That Christian teachers, both in obedience to God and in cooperation with parents, have a unique pedagogical responsibility while educating the child in school.
13. THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:  
That the school, established and controlled by an association of Christian believers in accordance with legitimate standards and provisions, possesses the freedom to function in education in total and voluntary submission to Christ the King.