



BEACON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Beacon Christian School is owned by a group of people working together to provide Christian education locally. The legal name of this group is "The Association for Christian Education of St. Catharines." This Association owns and operates Beacon Christian School and its property at 300 Scott Street.

To be a member of the Association for Christian Education of St. Catharines, people are required to:

- be 18 years of age or older
- be committed to Article II and III of the Constitution (included on the reverse)
- contribute the \$100 annual membership fee
- be willing to consider volunteering in some capacity
- be actively involved in your local church
- attend the fall and spring meetings of the Association, as you are able

Present Beacon parents are annually given the option of being a member on their tuition invoice.

If you are interested in being a member, and can agree to its requirements, please fill out the form below with a \$100 cheque enclosed:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail _____

Church: _____

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, ourselves 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.