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## PRINCIPLE GUIDELINES

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

1. **LIFE.** That human life in its entirety is religion. Men must serve God everywhere, and our children must therefore be educated to that end.
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 the world in its origin, gracious preservation and ultimate restoration, is the work of the Triune God; and that its purpose is the glorification of His Name. Hence we can understand the world rightly only in its relationship to Him.
4. **MAN.** That man was created in the image of God to enjoy covenantal fellowship with his Creator and to reflect in his person and works the excellence of his Maker; and was 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.
5. **SIN.** That sin is disobedience to God's law and that man, by sinning, forsook his office and task, estranged himself from God and his neighbour, and brought God's curse upon the creation. As a result man became corrupt in heart and mind to the true meaning of life, representing and misusing the revelation of God in creation and in scripture.
6. **CHRIST.** That the Christ of the Scriptures, 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 rightly to know God, ourselves, and the world.

7. **THE KINGDOM OF GOD.** That the Kingdom of God is His righteous and universal regime through Jesus Christ, whose rule in 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.

8. **PURPOSE OF EDUCATION.** That the purpose of education is to direct and guide the child to commit his heart to Christ the Truth; to attain to understanding wisdom and righteousness; and to perform his competent and responsible service of the Lord in every aspect of Life.

9. **PARENTS.** That God has given the responsibility to nurture and educate their children. Therefore parents should establish and maintain schools.

10. **THE CHILD.** That the child is entrusted to the parents by God. Children of the Christian home are a heritage of the Lord and share in the promises and demands of the covenant. Needing direction, correction and instruction, these children ought also to receive Christian education.

11. **THE TEACHER.** That the teacher, a servant of God, has the office of educating the child and exercises authority in the school.

12. **THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL.** That the Christian school is an educational institution established and controlled by an associating of Christian believers to function in total and voluntary submission to Christ, the King.

NOTES:

1. The guiding principles listed above are an excerpt from the LCS Constitution By-Law #1 Article #2.
2. The statement below was adopted by the LCS board at its April 2018 that the Board's interpretation for marriage be defines as.

***Marriage: Marriage is the exclusive union of body, mind, soul, and spirit of a man and a woman. Marriage is held as a holy and binding covenant that reflects the relationship between Christ and His church. Sexual union belongs exclusively within marriage.***