

# MEMBERSHIP POLICY

## For the Calvin Christian School Society (hereafter also called the Willowdale Christian School)

The purpose of the Calvin Christian School Society (CCSS), which operates the Willowdale Christian School (WCS) is to provide a Christ centered quality education to children of Christian parents. The CCSS Constitution offers parents and supporters two levels of memberships. Parents (preferably both parents) requesting enrollment of their children at WCS are requested to apply to the Board of Trustees via the Admissions Committee for either Full Membership or Associate Membership as applicable. The requirements for Full Membership and Associate Membership are set out in detail in the CCSS Constitution, and summarized below.

### (A) Full Membership

#### a) Requirements:

- (i) Must be eighteen years of age or older
- (ii) Accepts Jesus Christ as her/his Lord and Saviour
- (iii) Is active in a Christian church denomination
- (iv) Will volunteer to help and otherwise promote WCS
- (v) Will prayerfully and financially support WCS
- (vi) Has successfully completed a Full Membership seminar
- (vii) Subscribes to Article III of the CCSS Constitution which states "*The purpose of the Society is the erection and operation of a school or schools for elementary and secondary education in Toronto and vicinity, and the promotion of Christian instruction by way of school education, based upon the statements in Article II.*"
- (viii) Subscribes to Article II of the CCSS Constitution in its relevance for education as summarized in the Preamble to the CCSS Constitution (copy of Preamble follows)

#### b) Privileges of a Full Member include:

- (i) Serve on all committees after one year of Full Membership
- (ii) Nominate candidates, as described in the CCSS Constitution, to stand for election to the Board of Trustees
- (iii) Eligible to be candidate for Board of Trustees if individual has been a Full Member for one year and is at least 21 years old
- (iv) Attend and vote at all Society meetings of the CCSS
- (v) Participate in WCS activities

## **(B) Associate Membership**

### a) Requirements

- (i) Meets all the membership requirements as set out above for Full Membership, except those set out in items (vii) and (viii) of the Full Membership requirements as set out above.

### b) Privileges of an Associate Member include:

- (i) All the privileges and obligations of Full Membership as outlined above with the following exceptions:
  - a) Associate Members have no voting privileges at CCSS meetings;
  - b) Associate Members may not serve as members of the Board of Trustees or on the Education Committee.

## ***Excerpt from CCSS Constitution***

### ***PREAMBLE***

*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:*

#### ***Life***

*That human life in its entirety is religion. Men must serve God everywhere, and our children must therefore be educated to that end.*

#### ***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.*

#### ***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.*

#### ***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 excellencies 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.*

**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 blind to the true meaning of life, repressing and misusing the revelation of God in creation and Scripture.*

**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.*

**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.*

**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 competent and responsible service of the Lord in every aspect of life.*

**Parent**

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

**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 also ought to receive Christian education.*

**The Teacher**

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

**The Christian School**

*That the Christian School is an educational institution established and controlled by an association of Christian believers to function in total and voluntary submission to Christ, the King."*

***Application for Full Membership  
In the  
Calvin Christian School Society***

I apply for Full Membership in the Calvin Christian School Society (CCSS), that operates the Willowdale Christian School and agree to attend a Full Membership seminar. I declare the following:

- a) I have read and confirm that I meet the requirements of Full Membership as set out in the Membership Policy (dated February 8, 2006) for the Calvin Christian School Society, and
- b) I will, to the best of my ability, fulfill the responsibilities entailed in being a CCSS member and I will attend semi-annual Membership Meetings of the CCSS.

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Business): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your interest in Willowdale Christian School

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Board of Trustees approval given on:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Board Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

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