

# **JARVIS DISTRICT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** **SOCIETY CONSTITUTION**

A copy of the School Society's Constitution and By-Laws is available from the school office on request.

## **Basis**

The basis of this corporation is the infallible Word of God as interpreted in the Reformed and Westminster Confessions. It is not an ecclesiastical body, nor is it subject to any ecclesiastical organization. The government of this corporation is autonomous.

Believing that the "**fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom**" and that no aspect of God's creation may be rightly understood without adherence to this belief, and that man in his life of worship and work responds to God in total service, we as Christian parents, and believers in the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, willingly do pledge ourselves to the following educational principles.

1. We believe that all of **LIFE** is a faith response to God's covenantal grace, for God created man to serve Him everywhere, and requires us to educate our children for this purpose.
2. We believe that **CREATION** in its origin is the work of Triune God. Since its purpose is the glorification of His Name, we can understand it only in our proper relation of Him. We believe that the fall of man into sin distorted God's beautiful creation and that God is graciously preserving and restoring the creation to Himself.
3. We believe 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 we believe that man was instructed to exercise dominion over the world in strict obedience to God and to interpret all reality in accordance with His design and law.
4. We believe that **SIN** is disobedience to God's law and that man, by sinning, forsook his office and task in the world, separated himself from God, and brought God's curse upon creation. As a result of man's sin, we believe that man is separated from his neighbour, is corrupt in heart, and is blind to the true meaning of life, repressing and misusing the knowledge of God which confronts him in nature and Scripture.
5. We believe that **CHRIST JESUS** was born of the Virgin Mary, is true-God and true-Man, lived a sinless life on earth, died on the cross for us, and rose bodily from the grave. We believe that Christ through His death restored the creation to God. We believe that Christ ascended to the right hand of His Father and now rules over His established Kingdom and that He shall do so until He comes again.
6. We believe that the **KINGDOM OF GOD** is the rule of Christ over all creation and

that Christ's rule over all of life makes education possible and meaningful. Being redeemed by Christ, we reject every attempt to withdraw any area of life from the divine command, to love the Lord with all our heart and mind.

7. We believe that the **PURPOSE OF EDUCATION** is to bring covenant children to a scripturally directed life response to the commands and promises of their covenant God. Therefore we must form and train the children as God's prophets, priests and kings that they may attain to true knowledge, righteousness and holiness, thus to serve God responsibly in home, church and society.
8. We believe that **PARENTS** have the God-given responsibility to nurture and educate their children in the fear of the Lord. Therefore, we as Christians have established and maintain this Christian School.
9. We believe that **CHILDREN** with their variety of abilities and needs, are image-bearers of God and are to be guided by means of selected curricula to develop to responsible maturity and to prepare them for responsible stewardship in God's unfolding of His creation.
10. We believe that **TEACHERS** are servants of the Lord and have a responsibility to guide pupils into deeper understanding of God's world and to help them reach a cultural maturity grounded in the Biblical faith.
11. We believe that the **AUTHORITY** of the teacher in discipline and character training is derived from the fact that he stands in "loco parentis" and is accountable for this responsibility to the sovereign God.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of **Jarvis District Christian School** is to nurture a positive, challenging, Christian learning environment which attempts to meet the emotional, social, academic, spiritual, and physical needs of each student, and where each student can develop a positive self-image, skill in decision making and problem solving, and where through example and instruction each student learns more fully how to live the Christian life in its multi-faceted areas.