



## STATEMENT OF BELIEF AND PARENTAL AGREEMENT

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On the basis of the Bible as God's infallible revelation, and the Reformed interpretations as faithful explanations of the Bible, we believe the following statements have significance for education.

### I. STATEMENT OF BELIEF

- A. **REVELATION:** We believe that revelation is the source of all knowledge, the basis of all truth. We hold that God reveals Himself in His infallible Word (the culmination of which is Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word), in His creation, and in the history and continuous activities of man.
- B. **IMAGE OF GOD:** We believe that God created people in His own image. God made people spiritual-physical beings, capable of perceiving the truth and living by it. Since human beings are rational, emotional, and moral, these characteristics are all involved in the perception and formulation of truth and in choices which are made. Human beings are distinguished by a creative faculty which enables us to put our other faculties to work, to produce, and be original. Our physical and social attributes are especially significant in producing physical, spiritual, moral, and emotional necessities for one another and expressions of praise to God. We then see the process of maturing as one in which a person grows in one's ability to perceive the truth and to base one's life upon it.
- C. **RESPONSE:** We believe that all of life and learning is a religious response to God and must be directed by God's Word and enlightened by creation as well as by the history and activity of people.
- D. **SIN AND RENEWAL:** We believe that all sin has distorted our nature, view of life, and of creation. We also believe that only through the work of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer and Lord of people and creation, and through the work of the Holy Spirit are our lives and learning renewed and redirected in obedience and service to God.
- E. **OBEDIENCE:** We believe that a life of Christian service is a life of loving obedience to the commands of God, specifically these:
1. God's commands to subdue the earth (Genesis 1:28). This command means that man must search for truth in God's creation, both in what God has made and in what man has made by God's grace.
  2. Jesus' command to preach the gospel (Matthew 28:19-20). Obedience to this command serves others by bringing them to Christ, helping them to rightly view all reality, and to work with God in redeeming it.
  3. The Ten Commandments and Jesus' summary of them. Obedience to these commands reinforces and complements obedience to the commands to subdue the earth, preach the gospel, and love one another.
- F. **PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY:** We believe that our children are included in our Covenant relationship to God and therefore, that education is the primary responsibility of the parents. However, the Christian church and community have an obligation to support and encourage parents in this task.

### II. PARENTAL AGREEMENT

- A. It is hereby understood that we are enrolling our child in Grant Christian School primarily because of our earnest desire that our child receive a God-centered training.
- B. It is agreed that in matters of discipline the students involved are subject to the disciplinary action of the faculty and administration. Opportunity will be available to discuss discipline affecting your child and if there is disagreement we will address the Board in the presence of the Principal.

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Father/Guardian

Date

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Mother/Guardian

Date