Westminster Classical Christian Academy

Statement of Affirmation

Westminster Classical Christian Academy is a biblically based, religious organization that supports families who choose to give their children a Christian education based in the Christian worldview and moral convictions expressed in the school's Statement of Faith and Statement of Core Family Values. The school also welcomes students from families that do not hold these beliefs under the clear understanding that:

- a) Every student will be taught all aspects of the school curriculum including the beliefs outlined in the school Statement of Faith and Core Family Values.
- b) No family will actively seek to alter or undermine the teachings of the school.
- c) All students will be encouraged to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, but no student will be compelled to do so.

We at Westminster Classical Christian Academy respect all parents, including those whose beliefs are contrary to ours. However, we encourage those who strongly oppose the beliefs and values taught at our school to seek a form of education for their children that is in keeping with their own convictions.

Statement of Faith

WCCA upholds and teaches the doctrines of Christian orthodoxy. We believe in the central truths outlined in the Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed.

Biblical Authority

The Scriptures repeatedly declare that God is their author and that they are inspired by Him. (2 Tim 3:16). We accept these affirmations and believe that the Scriptures are infallible and inerrant as originally given.

The Trinity

The Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; There is but <u>one</u> God.

We believe that these persons within the Godhead are one in their nature and eternal in their being. Each member of the Godhead is co-eternal and equally ultimate, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Person and Work of Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God. In the incarnation, He took upon Himself the true nature of man. These two natures continue united in His person, yet ever remain true divinity and true humanity, unmixed, and as to their essence, unchanged. In His work, Christ discharges all three of the offices of the mediator between God and man: those of prophet, priest, and king. In both His humiliation and His exaltation, He fulfills all things that are required for the salvation of human beings.

His Death and Resurrection

We believe that salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. We believe that the atoning death of Christ at the cross was substitutionary and vicarious in nature, removing the sins of those who trust in Christ for salvation, and turning aside the wrath of God against us. Christ's death therefore accomplishes man's reconciliation with God. Concerning His resurrection, we believe that Christ upon the third day, arose physically from the dead.

The Doctrine of Man

We believe that God created human beings, male and female in His own image and, therefore, gave to them a transcendent value and worth. We believe that humans were given meaningful choice and the liberty of a creature, but humanity chose to rebel against God the Creator and the result was spiritual and physical death: the image of God is thus marred in humanity and the human will is disposed and inclined to sin. By the gracious work of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, human beings may be regenerated, become new creatures in Christ, and the image of God may be fully restored in them.

Statement of Core Family Values

All members of the board, administration, and staff of WCCA believe that the Bible is the written Word of God and without error in all its teachings. Based on our understanding and fidelity to the authority of Scripture, our faculty, staff, and all who use our facility adhere to these Core Family Values:

1) That it is unacceptable for Christians to teach hatred against any group or individual. (Mt. 5:44)

2) That human life begins at conception and ends at natural death. An unborn child at any stage of development is a human being and should be treated as such. (Ps. 139:13-16)

3) That sexual intimacy is only morally acceptable within a marriage relationship. (Mt. 5:27-28)

4) That premarital or extramarital sexual intimacy heterosexual or homosexual including but not limited to intercourse is morally wrong. (1 Cor. 6:9-11)

5) That marriage is an exclusively heterosexual institution. (Mk. 10:7)

6) *All persons are created in God's image and are made to glorify Him. (Gen. 1:27; Isa. 43:7)

7) *God's design was the creation of two distinct and complementary sexes, male and female, which designate the fundamental distinction that God has embedded in the very biology of the human race. (Gen. 1:27; Matt. 19:4; Mk. 10:6)

8) *WCCA affirms God's good design that gender identity is determined by biological sex and not by one's self-perception—a perception which is often influenced by fallen human nature in ways contrary to God's design. (Eph. 4:17-18)

* From On Transgender Identity by the Southern Baptist Convention

Statement of Gender

We believe that God wonderfully foreordained and immutably created each person as either male or female in conformity with their biological/chromosomal sex. These two distinct yet complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26–27).

We believe that God created people, male and female, in His image. Gender is part of that creation, determined and designed by God and unchanging. An effort to change or reject that part of oneself is a rejection of God's creation and design (Genesis 1:27).

Given the pervasive effects of the fall into sin on all creation, we believe that gender dysphoria is not part of God's original plan for creation, but that it is morally neutral, similar to a physically challenging condition. We do not condone any mistreatment, abuse or disparaging of individuals who are experiencing gender dysphoria. At the same time, we will encourage those who are experiencing gender dysphoria to accept and respect God's design and creation, even with respect to gender.

We affirm God's love for the people He has created in His image. We believe that each person has inherent human dignity, flowing from creation in God's image and the love of Christ. We will treat each person with respect and grace, acknowledging their human dignity and God's love for them.

For this reason, this school limits access to washrooms, change-rooms and dormitories to persons having the biological/chromosomal sex associated with the facility in question. For greater clarity, and for example, access to ladies' washrooms is limited to biological/chromosomal females having female reproductive organs while access to male change rooms is limited to biological/chromosomal males having male reproductive organs. I (we) hereby affirm that I (we) have read the school's Statement of Faith, Statement of Core Family Values, and Statement of Gender, and agree to support these statements in my (our) home and have my (our) child educated in accordance with them.

I(we) further affirm the following:

- 1. That the school has full discretion for the grade and class placement of my (our) child.
- 2. That the school as full discretion in the discipline of my (our) child in accordance with its disciplinary policy.
- 3. That the school reserves the right to dismiss or refuse re-enrollment to my (our) child if:
 - a. he/she does not cooperate with the WCCA educational process.
 - b. his/her parents are perceived by the school as a threat to the physical, psychological, or emotional well-being of others students or school staff members. This includes, but is not limited to, the parents conducting themselves in a disrespectful or harassing manner toward school staff members or other students.
 - c. The mutual attempt to educate the student is perceived by the school to be incompatible with what the child is being taught at home.
- 4. That I (we) have read the policies relating to tuition payments and agree to pay all the tuition fees, and other financial obligation on or before the due date without a reminder and in accordance with these policies.

Name of Parents (please print):

(Signature by Custodial Parents or Guardians)

(Date)