

# LETHBRIDGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SOCIETY

## CONSTITUTIONAL CHARTER

August 11, 1987  
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### **ARTICLE 1 – NAME**

The name of the society is Lethbridge Christian School Society.

### **ARTICLE 2 – LOCATION**

The operations of the Society are to be chiefly carried on in the City of Lethbridge, in the Province of Alberta, and elsewhere in the said Province of Alberta.

### **ARTICLE 3 – OBJECTS**

The object of the Society is to establish and maintain a Christian school for the purpose of providing an education based on the Bible as the infallible Word of God.

### **ARTICLE 4 – STATEMENT OF FAITH**

#### The Bible

We believe that the Will and Word of God are revealed to us in the Bible, which is the Holy Scripture as originally given to us by God. Because it is divinely inspired, infallible and entirely trustworthy, it is our final authority not only for doctrine but also for lifestyle.

2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 1 Peter 1:23-25; John 7:15-18; Isaiah 55:8-11; John 5:39; Hebrews 4:12.

#### God the Father

We affirm our faith in the one and only true God, whom we worship as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. All are co-equal and co-eternal members of the Godhead. God the Father, the first person of the Godhead, is holy and just and is worthy of our praise and adoration. His love, grace and forgiveness flow out of His holy character. The Father's holiness is so great that no human being can see Him and live.

Matthew 28:19; 1 John 5:7; Mark 12:29; Isaiah 6:1-3; Psalm 18:30-31; John 4:8 & 19; Psalm 34:1-9; Exodus 33:20; 1 Timothy 6:16; 1 John 4:12; John 4:23-24.

### God the Son

We acknowledge Jesus Christ, the second person of the Godhead, as fully divine and fully human. His virgin birth, sinless human life, divine miracles, sacrificial death, glorious resurrection, ascension into heaven, and promised return attest to His claims to be God Incarnate, the Son of God in the flesh.

John 1:1-14; Isaiah 9:6; Colossians 1:13-22; Hebrews 4:14-16; Galatians 4:4-5; Hebrews 7:26-27; Matthew 1:18; Matthew 28:1-10 & 16-20; Luke 24:50-51; Philippians 2:5-11; John 10:15-18; Acts 1:9-11; John 14:1-3; John 10:30-33.

### God the Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Godhead, takes up permanent residence in the believer to enable him to live a holy life reflective of the Lord Jesus. The Spirit's work in the believer is to comfort, empower, cleanse, discern, and convict in order to bring us to maturity.

All believers are entitled to, and should ardently expect and earnestly seek, the promise of the Father, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to the command of Jesus Christ. With this comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry. This experience may be distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new spiritual birth.

John 14:16-17 & 26; Acts 1:1-8; John 16:7-14; Romans 5:3-5; Galatians 5:16-26; Romans 8:26; 1 Corinthians 2:9-16; John 1:32-33; Luke 11:9-13.

### The Fall and Salvation of Man

We believe that humans were created in God's image. By voluntary transgression we fell, bringing sin and death into the world. All have sinned, coming short of God's holy standard and are born spiritually dead. As such, we are powerless to change this state through any kind of work.

Man's only hope of redemption is through the person and work of Jesus Christ. On the cross, Jesus Christ became sin for us, providing a way for both salvation and healing for all mankind. Through faith (believing in your heart) in Jesus Christ and repentance from our sins we are accepted by God and justified, that is, made righteous. We thankfully proclaim that forgiveness from sin and our son-ship into his family are the result of God's grace in our lives.

The inward evidence of salvation to the believer is the direct witness of the Holy Spirit. The outward evidences to all men are confessing with your mouth that Jesus is Lord as well as a life of true holiness and love.

Salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ and not by human works. Works are an outward expression of our faith in Jesus Christ, but not a prerequisite for salvation.

Romans 3:10-23; Ephesians 2:1; Genesis 1:26-27; Galatians 3:22; 1 John 1:8; Romans 5:12-20; John 8:23-24; Romans 3:19-4:5; Titus 3:5; John 3:16-18; Romans 10:9-13; Galatians 3:11-14 & 26; Ephesians 2:8-10; Romans 5:1; Romans 11:6; 1 John 2:2; 2 Corinthians 5:21; James 2:14-19; Romans 11:6.

### The Church

We accept the Christian Church throughout the world as Christ's Body and we are persuaded that we should love the Church as He does and that each believer is important and an integral part of the Body of Christ. We believe this love is exercised by fellowshiping regularly, by using our God-given gifts, maintaining the unity of the Spirit, celebrating the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and baptism in water and by building the Body towards maturity.

Hebrews 10:23-15; 1 Peter 4:7-11; Ephesians 4:1-16; Acts 2:37-47; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Matthew 18:11-20; Ephesians 5:22-33; Matthew 28:19; Acts 10:47 & 58; 1 Corinthians 11:24-30.

### The Second Coming of Christ

We believe in the literal return of Jesus Christ for His Church. Because Christ's return will mean eternal judgement to those who do not believe, we are called to a lifestyle of holy living and active sharing of the good news of the Kingdom of God.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11; 2 Peter 3:1-13; Matthew 24; Titus 2:11-13; Revelation 20:4-15.

## **ARTICLE 5 – FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS**

- (A) Jesus Christ – The reason d'être (reason for being) of a Christian school is Jesus Christ. Colossians 1 states, "For by Him (Jesus) were all things created...and by Him all things consist." The next verse continues, "that in all things He might have the pre-eminence." A Christian school recognizes Jesus Christ as Lord, Saviour and Creator and give Him pre-eminence in education.
- (B) Word of God – The instruction and education of children in the school, as well as in the home, must be in accordance with the Word of God.
- (C) Prayer – Our relationship with God, which is our highest priority in this life, can only be fostered by a life of prayer. Prayer is emphasized in all aspects of the school.
- (D) Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit teaches us and guides us into all areas of truth. Since all truth must be evaluated in light of God's Word and since we reject the dichotomy of secular truth versus religious truth, it is therefore important that children learn to rely on the Holy Spirit in every area of study.
- (E) Parental Responsibility – The primary responsibility of a child's education has been given by God to parents. A Christian school assists the Christian home in this education.

- (F) Local Church – Lethbridge Christian School Society affirms the importance of the Body of Christ and recognizes God’s diversity of gifts and ministries within the various local churches. Since the Word of God emphasizes the importance of relationship in the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-26), Lethbridge Christian School Society will only accept teachers, parents, students, Board Directors, or society members who are actively involved in a Christian church.
- (G) Individuality – Each child is special and unique and has been created in God’s very image. A Christian school recognizes the preciousness of life and seeks to provide an education that will best promote the development of each child’s unique, God-given talents and abilities.
- (H) Love – Lethbridge Christian School Society emphasizes the importance of walking in God’s love. Since we are accepted in the Beloved (Ephesians 1:6), it is vital as Christians that we learn to accept one another, neither criticizing nor comparing, but fulfilling the scriptural mandate to love one another.
- (I) Unity – The Lord has commanded a blessing where brethren dwell together in unity (Psalm 133). As part of the family of God, we accept one another’s differences and we focus on those beliefs that bind us together as brothers and sisters in Christ. The Holy Spirit brings unity as we continue to walk in God’s love esteeming others better than ourselves (Philippians 2:2-3).
- (J) Family – We believe that the foundation of a family is a marriage covenant. We believe in the family unit as described in the Bible, as the covenant relationship where parents are responsible for raising children according to the precepts of the Bible. (See Genesis 1:26-28, Genesis 2:18-25, Psalm 139:13-16, Romans 1, Matthew 19:4-6, Hebrews 13:4, and Ephesians 5:1-5) Although this is God’s ideal, we realize that children are raised in a variety of family structures.

## **ARTICLE 6 – NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

The Society shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the Society shall be used for promoting its objects.

## **ARTICLE 7 – DISSOLUTION**

In case of dissolution of the Society, the assets of the Society shall be donated to such Canadian Christian charitable organization as the Society may determine by special resolution. This provision is unalterable.

## **ARTICLE 8 – UNALTERABLE ARTICLES**

In addition to Article 7, Article 4 is unalterable.

**ARTICLE 9 – AMMENDMENTS OF CONSTITUTION**

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Society by special resolution passed by seventy-five percent majority vote, provided that the amendment(s) has (have) been submitted in writing at least twenty-eight days prior to the meeting except for the unalterable articles.

End of Constitution