



# NORTHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

## Statement of Faith:

In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty and in all things charity (Rupertus Meldenius, 17<sup>th</sup> Century, sometimes attributed to St. Augustine), "Christian" shall be defined as being in accordance with and in furtherance of the following *Statement of Faith* (Source: Association of Christian Schools International):

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21).
2. We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30).
3. We believe in the deity of Christ (John 10:33), His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:35), His sinless life (Hebrews 4: 15, 7:26), His miracles (John 2:11), His vicarious and atoning death (1 Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9), His Resurrection (John 11:25, 1 Corinthians 15:4), His Ascension to the right hand of God (Mark 16:19), His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11).
4. We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ and that only by God's grace and through faith alone are we saved (John 3:16–19, 5:24; Romans 3:23, 5:8–9; Ephesians 2:8–10; Titus 3:5).
5. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of condemnation (John 5:28–29).
6. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 2:12–13, Galatians 3:26–28).
7. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (Romans 8:13–14; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19–20; Ephesians 4:30, 5:18)
8. Gender, Marriage, Sexuality - The biblical and philosophical goal of Northland Christian School is to develop students into mature, Christ-like individuals who will be able to exhibit a Christ-like life. Of necessity, this involves the school's understanding and belief of what qualities or characteristics exemplify a Christ-like life. While enrolled at Northland Christian School, all students are expected to exhibit the qualities of a Christ-like life espoused and taught by the Bible and to refrain from certain activities or behavior. Thus, Northland Christian School retains the right to refuse enrollment or to expel any student who engages in sexual immorality, to wit, any conduct or espousing of belief which is inconsistent with the Biblical sanction of God for sexual intimacy only between one man and one woman in the marriage relationship. (Leviticus 20:13, Romans 1:27).
  - We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning, which is marriage as created and sanctioned by God in which God joins one man and one woman in a single, life-long, and exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture.
  - We believe that any form of sexual immorality is sinful and offensive to God. Sexual immorality includes, but is not limited to adultery, fornication, homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography, and attempting to change one's biological sex or otherwise acting upon any disagreement with one's biological sex.
  - We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of the Northland Christian Education System, commitment to traditional education in a Christ-centered environment, to act as a



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faithful and local component of the Body of Christ, and to provide Biblical instruction and modeling to the System's students, faculty, staff, families, and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Northland Christian Education System in any capacity, who serve as volunteers, or independent contractors, should abide by and agree to our Statement of Faith and to this Statement on Gender, Marriage, and Sexuality and conduct themselves accordingly.

- We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and repent from their sin, who seek His mercy and grace, and humbly ask for His forgiveness through Jesus Christ.
- We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity; behavior or attitudes not displaying compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity which are directed toward any individual are unacceptable, must be repudiated, and are not in accordance with Scripture, or the policies of Northland Christian Education System as reflected in our Statement of Faith.

Signature of Agreement: \_\_\_\_\_