

## **Theological Affirmation for Employment at Trinity Christian School**

### Mission Statement for Trinity Christian School

*Trinity Christian School is a Christ-centered classical school committed to partnering with parents to engage the minds and transform the lives of students for the glory of God.*

All School employees and classroom instructors shall abide by the **Articles of Faith Foundations** which shall be expressed without reservation in all classes and grade levels. Employees shall affirm that they will not teach contrary to its expressed content.

### **Articles of Faith Foundations**

#### **The Apostle's Creed:**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **The Five Solas of the Protestant Faith**

1. Sola Scriptura ("Scripture alone"): The Bible alone is our highest authority.
2. Sola Fide ("faith alone"): We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.
3. Sola Gratia ("grace alone"): We are saved by the grace of God alone.
4. Solus Christus ("Christ alone"): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.
5. Soli Deo Gloria ("to the glory of God alone"): We live for the glory of God alone.

#### **Key Affirmations**

Do you positively affirm the following:

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to maintain membership (or active participation, if membership is not offered) in a Bible believing Church and support it in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. As a member of the board of directors, Head of School, principal, and/or employee, are you willing to submit yourself to the leadership of Trinity Christian School as guided by the Board of Directors, a standing committee of the Trinity Presbyterian Church Session, a Church of the Presbyterian Church in America and (do you now resolve to) outwardly support them in our community? Do you resolve and promise to conduct yourself in a peaceable way, engage in constructive and redemptive conflict, and actively support the purity and peace of this ministry?
6. Do you believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

### **Statement on Marriage and Sexuality**

1. We believe that God created marriage to be only for the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union (Gen 2:18-25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4).
2. We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen 1:26-27). Those who reject their biological sex reject God's design and the person He created them to be.
3. We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10).
4. We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31).
5. We believe that God offers forgiveness, redemption, and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11).
6. We believe that in order to preserve the integrity of Trinity Christian School and to provide a biblical role model to the students and faculty, it is imperative that all persons employed by TCS in any capacity agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage and Sexuality (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess 5:22).

### **Statement of Faith**

1. We believe the Bible is the written Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit and without error in the original manuscripts. The Bible is the revelation of God's truth and is infallible and authoritative in all matters of faith and practice.
2. We believe in the Holy Trinity. There is one God, who exists eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that all are sinners and totally unable to save themselves from God's displeasure, except by His mercy.
4. We believe that salvation is by God alone as He sovereignly chooses those He will save. We believe His choice is based on His grace, not on any human individual merit or foreseen faith.
5. We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, who through His perfect life and sacrificial death atoned for the sins of all who will trust in Him alone for salvation.
6. We believe that God is gracious and faithful to His people not simply as individuals but as families in successive generations according to His Covenant promises.
7. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells God's people and gives them the strength and wisdom to trust Christ and follow Him.
8. We believe that Jesus will return, bodily and visibly, to judge all mankind and to receive His people to Himself.
9. We believe that all aspects of our lives are to be lived to the glory of God under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

### **Statement on the Sanctity of Human Life**

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Ps. 139.)

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