



<b>BOARD POLICY MANUAL</b>	
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## **BYLAW #3 – STATEMENT OF FAITH**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this bylaw is to more clearly define the statement of faith of Burlington Parental Christian School Society and its members and Trinity Christian School, as referenced in By-law No. 1.

### **Historical Statements**

We embrace the Christian faith as summarized in the following unifying statements of faith held by Christians throughout history:

- the Apostles' Creed
- the Nicene Creed
- the Athanasian Creed
- Evangelical Statement

In agreement with our fellow evangelical Christians across Canada, we affirm the following core beliefs<sup>(1)</sup>:

- a) The Holy Scriptures, as originally given by God, are divinely inspired, infallible, entirely trustworthy, and constitute the only supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- b) There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- c) Our Lord Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh; we affirm his virgin birth, sinless humanity, divine miracles, vicarious and atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension, ongoing mediatorial work, and personal return in power and glory.
- d) The salvation of lost and sinful humanity is possible only through the merits of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, received by faith apart from works, and is characterized by regeneration by the Holy Spirit.
- e) The Holy Spirit enables believers to live a holy life, to witness and work for the Lord Jesus Christ.
- f) The Church, the body of Christ, consists of all true believers.
- g) Ultimately God will judge the living and the dead.

### **The Church**

We are partners with the local church in the raising of our children in the Christian faith. We believe that regular participation in worship and involvement in the ministry of a local church is an important part of a healthy Christian life.

#### **I. Episcopal Authority**

As a transdenominational school we represent many church communities. We recognize that our members may be under the episcopal authority of a church or denomination, but we as society and a school do not recognize the authority of any church or denomination over the affairs of the society or the school. We recognize the authority of scripture, the leading of the Holy Spirit, the supremacy of God, and that we are all under the authority of Christ.

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<sup>1</sup> Taken from the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) website: [www.evangelicalfellowship.ca](http://www.evangelicalfellowship.ca)

## **2. Biblical World View**

We hold a traditional Biblical world view that affirms our position on key issues that reflect our understanding of God and His world, such as, but not limited to:

- a) Marriage is the exclusive union between a man and a woman that is solemnized by the Church and certified by the State. Sexual relations belong exclusively within marriage. God's design for marriage is for it to be a life-long commitment until parted by death, divorce is a concession.
- b) Humanity is made in God's image, male and female. As such, human life is sacred from the moment of conception to natural death. Human life should be valued independent of race, gender, age, religion or mental capacity.
- c) Creation, in its origin and preservation, is the work of our triune God. He continues to uphold, preserve and redeem His world. We can only understand the world rightly in its relation to Him.