

ABRAHAM KUYPER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION LTD
KUYPER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF FAITH

We confess that,

- (a) There is one holy triune God, eternal and indivisible, in whom are three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; each is truly God, yet without destroying the unity of the one and only God. This one true God, revealed in Scripture (the Word of God written) as sovereign Creator and Redeemer, has declared and established His kingdom over all powers in heaven and earth without exception.
- (b) By the incarnation, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and by His exaltation, all things have been made subject to Him. We worship and obey Jesus Christ as absolute Ruler over all.
- (c) Human life in its entirety is religion unfolding itself in terms of acceptance of this absolute rule, i.e. either as service of the one true God, or of its rejection by service of a God-substitute.
- (d) Because man has repudiated God in favour of a God-substitute, he is cut off from knowledge of God, which means that he is blind to the meaning of life, creation and himself.
- (e) People who reject His Word as the ordering principle of life may in the providence of God provide many valuable insights into life in general. However, the religious direction of their thoughts remains radically opposed to that of those united in Christ. This means that there can be no possibility of a synthesis of their systems of thought with the Scripture-directed thought which Christ's people are called to pursue.
- (f) God delivers man from his blindness when the Holy Spirit, applying the truths of the Scripture, causes him in his conscious life to repent of his rejection of God and to rely entirely on Him in Christ. Only then man begins to understand his true origin, nature and destiny.
- (g) By His Word and Spirit God rules over all those who are united with Christ. He redeems their life in its entirety renewing them in His image. He restores them to fellowship with Himself.
- (h) Being in fellowship with God, the Christian is required to be obedient to Him in a bond of loving care with, and service to, other Christians. People in these relationships are God's covenant people, who acknowledge the supremacy of the Word of God in all spheres of life and strive to be obedient to Him. This leads them to teach, encourage, and correct one another in all wisdom. Only within the framework of this covenant community can true wisdom and reality be known.
- (i) As covenant people, to whom God's promises belong, we have Christ's comforting assurance that He blesses our children when we bring them to Him. We expect the fulfilment of His promises, and therefore obey His commandment to bring up our children "in discipline and instruction of the Lord". Since this task has been committed to us, we have the responsibility for any education which takes place inside or outside our homes.
- (j) We consider that parent-controlled Christian Schools must be established to assist in the work of Christian nurture and education. This is our duty and God-given privilege. Such a school is one in which children learn within a truly Christian framework as defined in Scripture, and are taught to think about God's world as Christians, not as unbelievers. We believe that each child should be encouraged to discover and develop his potential to the highest level: to aim high and to pursue excellence.
- (k) For such Christian schools we as parents claim freedom in the field of education, as long as this education takes place in obedience to the requirements of God's Word, and in adherence to academic, administrative, and environmental standards and provisions established by the government.
- (l) The School is a community composed of Members of the Association, Directors, Teachers and Pupils all under the authority of Christ. Each of these groups has its different function supported by the whole community so that they may work in Christian harmony. The authority of the teachers is to be upheld by the whole School community but is never to be exercised or maintained for its own sake. It is only to be used for the effective nurture of the child, in harmony, with an awareness that all authority is of God.

IN SUMMARY, WE CONFESS

CHRIST AS KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS, THE REDEEMER AND RENEWER OF ALL OUR LIFE. WE PURSUE THE EDUCATIONAL TASK TOGETHER, WITH CONFIDENT HOPE AND HUMBLE RELIANCE ON GOD WHO, FOR JESUS' SAKE, SENDS HIS HOLY SPIRIT TO LEAD US INTO TRUTH. WE GLADLY SUBMIT TO GOD'S WORD AS THE GUIDE OF ALL OUR ENDEAVOUR SO THAT IN ALL THINGS HE MAY BE GLORIFIED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, WHOSE IS THE GLORY AND THE DOMINION FOR EVER AND EVER. Amen.