

STATUS AND RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SOCIETY, INC.

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

1. The membership of the CCS Society (the "Corporation") is made up of Christians who support the school with their *prayers*, their *contributions* and their *finances*.
2. A member:
 - ✓ must be 18 years of age or older
 - ✓ must sign a completed application form
 - ✓ agrees to subscribe to the Corporation the sum of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) if called upon in the event of liquidation
 - ✓ agrees to pay the annual membership fee.
3. Community supporters who do not have children enrolled at Calvin Christian School may apply for membership in the Corporation.
4. Calvin Christian School does not discriminate on the basis of race, colour or national or ethnic origin, and gender. However, membership application is subject to the governing authorities of Calvin Christian School, which reserves the right to accept or reject any application.
5. The prospective member meets the membership requirements, accepts the Holy Bible as the infallible Word of God, and agrees to comply with the requirements and provisions as may be set forth in the Status and Rights of Membership and/or the by-laws of the Corporation

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION

The applicant's membership class is granted by the Board of Directors (the "BOD") and is the subject to the provisions of Bylaw #9 of the Calvin Christian School Society of Hamilton (the "Corporation").

There are two types of society membership: **Full Membership** and **Associate Membership**.

1. **Full Membership Requirements:**

- a. are members in good standing of a *Reformed Christian* church that subscribes to the Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism and the Canons of Dordt as confessional statements;
- b. profess Jesus as Lord and Saviour;
- c. at the request of the BOD, endorse their agreement in writing with the Statement of Principles of the Corporation; and is in agreement with the Calvin Christian School Mission Statement;
- d. abide by the objects, by-laws and resolutions of the Corporation and the policies and directives of the BOD.

2. **Associate Membership Requirements:**

- a. are members in good standing of a Christian church other than as described above;
- b. profess Jesus as Lord and Saviour;
- c. at the request of the BOD, endorse their agreement in writing with the Statement of Principles of the Corporation; and is in agreement with the Calvin Christian School Mission Statement;
- d. abide by the objects, by-laws and resolutions of the Corporation and the policies and directives of the BOD.

RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP

1. All members shall be free to enrol their children in Calvin Christian School subject to the CCS Student Admission Policy.
2. Membership in the Corporation does not entitle the member to have a child re-enrolled if the Principal of the school expelled the child unless consent has been given by CCS.
3. Associate members have rights and obligations equal to full members except that they may not be allowed to vote on any matter involving change in the Corporation's letters patent or bylaws, nor shall they be eligible to serve on the BOD.

LIFESTYLE OF MEMBERS

The Corporation and the school affirm the Bible as the authoritative Word of God as confessed in the major creeds of the Reformation. The Bible provides standards and rules for human behaviour which all Christians should strive to maintain. Such standards include, but are not limited to the following:

- maintaining fidelity in marriage, honouring marriage vows, and reserving sexual intimacy for marriage.
- refraining from substance abuse such as alcohol, illegal drugs
- refraining from practicing a homosexual or lesbian lifestyle
- refraining from abuse and sexual exploitation

FEEES

1. The Corporation has set an annual membership fee as a means of partially sustaining the operation of Calvin Christian School.
2. For new parents of children enrolled at Calvin Christian School, the registration fee must be paid prior to paying the first tuition.
3. Where two members are married, the fee for one of the members shall be waived. For the purposes of ballots, such joint memberships are eligible to cast only a single vote.
4. Tuition fees for parents with children enrolled at Calvin Christian School are paid according to an annual fee timetable. Failure to meet the tuition payment obligations may affect the membership status of the parents in the Corporation.

CHANGE OF CLASSIFICATION and of MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

1. The BOD has the right to amend the classification of membership if church membership status changes.
2. It is the obligation of the member to inform the BOD's secretary in writing of any changes that may effect the membership classification.
3. No person shall remain a member who no longer complies with the requirements and provisions as may be set forth in the Status and Rights of Membership and/or the bylaws of the Corporation.
4. It is the obligation of the member who is unable to uphold the declarations set forth in the Status and Rights of Membership and/or Statement of Agreement (form #4), to notify the BOD's secretary in writing.
5. Termination of membership in the Corporation will result in the exclusion or demission of the child from Calvin Christian School.

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