2023-2024

GRACE CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Please be part of our Association

The Grace Christian Education Association (GCEA) provides oversight to Grace Christian School (GCS) and is governed by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is voted on by active members of the GCEA. Anyone 21 years of age or older can join the GCEA by affirming to and signing the Declaration of Faith and by paying the annual membership dues.

The GCEA meets annually and provides information concerning activities, budgets, staffing and improvements at GCS. GCS parents are invited to become members of the GCEA, encouraged to be active in their child's educational experience, and asked to be involved in the direction of GCS.

Please see any of our GCS Administration team members if you have any questions.



GRACE CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION Membership Application

Grace Christian School 325 N. M-140 Watervliet, MI 49098

Name:			Phone:	
Address:				
City:		State:	Zip:	
Email:				
	APPLYING FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024			

Association Membership Dues (Must be 21 years or older.)
Lifetime Membership - \$100 per adult.
GCS Parents of Full Time students or Full Time Staff: Free
All other members: \$10.00 per person

Declaration of Faith must be signed annually.

Article II: Declaration of Faith

The basis of this Association shall be the Word of God: the following declaration expresses the common faith of its membership.

- 1. We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally, plenarily inspired by God and inerrant in the original writing, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life.
- 2. We believe in one God, eternally co-existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- 3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, who is true God and true man.
- 4. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit whose primary work to the sinner is to convict of sin, righteousness, and judgement, hopefully bringing him to Christ; and who indwells each believer at the moment of conversion, **primarily** to establish God's work of redemption in him; simultaneously, to join him to the body of Christ with equal privileges with all other believers without additional works of grace.
- 5. We believe that man was created in the image of God; that he sinned, and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death which is separation from God; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature and in the case of those who reach moral responsibility, manifest themselves as sinners in thought, word and deed.
- 6. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures; who is our substitutionary sacrifice; and that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood.
- 7. We believe in the physical resurrection of our crucified Lord, in His ascension into heaven, and in His present life there for us, as High Priest and Advocate.
- 8. We believe in "that blessed hope," the personal premillenial and imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- 9. We believe in the security of the believer and that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.
- 10. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting punishment of the lost.
- 11. We believe God created the Heavens and the Earth and all that is in them in six regular days and rested on the seventh to demonstrate a pattern for His creation. Our planet is thousands of years old, not millions.

Humanity was created in the image of God both male and female. Like any other part of our being, our gender, either male or female, is a defined gift of God that we are given to glorify our Lord with. Marriage defined by Jesus is one man and one woman joined together by God and the marriage should not be separated by man. Any form of sexual activity outside of a marriage between one man and one woman is sinful. God is the author of creation including that which takes place in the womb. What man sees as birth defects, Jesus calls opportunities for the glory of God to be revealed. (Genesis 1-2; Exodus 20:11; 31:17; Psalm 139:13-18; Jeremiah 1:4-8; Ezekiel 3:4-11; Matthew 19:3-9; John 9; I Corinthians 6:9-20; Hebrews 13:4)

In accordance with the teachings of the Word of God, this Association is committed to the following fundamental principles:

- 1. The instruction and education of children in the school as well as in the home must conform to the Word of God.
- 2. That educational institutions properly depend on and proceed from the home, rather than the church or state.
- 3. That educational opportunities should be provided to all without regard to race, creed or color.

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I declare that I am a born again believer, maintain faith in the Scriptures and believe that Article II (duplicated above) of the constitution is a true statement of faith and philosophy of Christian education.

Each person applying for membership must sign the agreement to our Declaration of Faith.

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