

# STATEMENT OF DOCTRINE

As a faith-based Christian school, we believe in the following Biblical core beliefs.

We believe:

- In God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 4:35; Deuteronomy 4:39; I John 5:20; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18)
- God speaks to us and instructs us through His inspired Holy Scripture. (2 Timothy 3:16; Galatians 1:11-12)
- God created all things. (Isaiah 45:11-12; Psalm 33)
- Humans are created in God's image and He desires to be in relationship with us. (Genesis 1:26-27; Ephesians 5:21-23)
- All humans are born with a sin nature. (Romans 5:12; Romans 5:19)
- God has provided salvation to all who believe in His Son Jesus. (John 3:16-19; John 5:24; Ephesians 2:8-10)
- The church is one body with many members.
- We are called to be disciples of Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission of the church in the world by serving others, following the way of peace, doing justice and bringing reconciliation to our world, while practicing non-resistance.
- The practice of accountability that gives integrity to our witness.
- Our hope is in the reign of God as we await His final victory and our reign with Him for eternity.
- We believe that God intends marriage to be a covenant between one man and one woman for life. (Mark 10:9; I Corinthians 7:10-11)
- According to Scripture, right sexual union takes place only within the marriage relationship. (Exodus 20:14; I Corinthians 6:12-20)

Adapted from the "Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective," 1995. A more comprehensive statement is available at the school office.

The statement of doctrine does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Manheim Christian Day School's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our MCDS Board is Manheim Christian Day School's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

I have read over the **Philosophy of Christian Education, Admission Procedures, and Statement of Doctrine** of Manheim Christian Day School. I understand and agree that me and my children will abide by the school's policies, procedures, and requirement in order to become a part of the MCDS family.

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