

## The Center for Redemptive Education Statement of Faith

The Center for Redemptive Education is a Christ-centered educational ministry teaching from a Biblical worldview, and as such, it maintains a statement of faith. Belief in our statement of faith is a prerequisite for membership in REACH Schools (The Redemptive Education Association of Christian Schools). Additionally, it is a prerequisite for employees and board members of The Center for Redemptive Education. All employees and board trustees of The Center for Redemptive Education affirm the historic Apostles' Creed:

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Additionally, they accept and affix their signatures to the following doctrinal affirmations:

- Belief in the one eternal God, Creator and Lord of the world – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – who governs all things according to the purpose of His will.
- The deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself as the only ransom for sinners and is the only mediator between God and mankind.
- The necessity and efficacy of the substitutionary death of the Lord Jesus Christ for the redemption of the world.
- The historic fact of the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the work of regeneration, including conviction of sin, faith in Christ, new birth, and growth in Christian maturity.
- The expectation of the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ, in power and <sup>in</sup>glory, to consummate His salvation and His judgment.
- The unique divine inspiration, truthfulness, and authority of both the Old and New Testament Scriptures in their entirety as the only written Word of God, without error in all that it affirms, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

## **Guiding Biblical Principles**

Both the Old and New Testament Scriptures govern The Center for Redemptive Education's principles. By signing this, we, the Board of Trustees and employees of The Center for Redemptive Education, therefore affirm and agree to teach and govern by the following:

- All people are created in the image of God. As such, everyone deserves to be treated with compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity.
- Human life is sacred and is to be respected and preserved: pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death.
- Children are a blessing from God, who has entrusted them to their parents for care, instruction, and moral upbringing. The Center for Redemptive Education's role is to partner with parents in a biblically based approach to education.
- God's original and ongoing intent and action is the creation of humanity manifest as two (and only two) distinct, complementary genders: male and female. God intends sexual intimacy solely within the context of marriage, defined as the uniting of one biological man and one biological woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. Thus, any form of sexual activity that occurs outside of a marriage, as defined above, is counter to God's original and ongoing intent.
- God created the whole earth and everything in it. He has given mankind dominion over his creation and has charged us with its stewardship. We acknowledge in our words and actions that this is our Father's world.

The Center for Redemptive Education's Statement of Faith and Guiding Principles do not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God, is the sole and final source of authority for all we believe concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind. For purposes of The Center for Redemptive Education's policies and practices, our Board of Trustees is the governing authority in resolving any differences of opinions regarding our Statement of Faith and the above principles.

Your signature is your acknowledgment and acceptance of the fact that these statements and principles guide the programs of the Center for Redemptive Education:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_