

MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Immanuel Christian School Society is to maintain a school for the daily instruction of our children based on and consistent with the Holy Bible as the infallible Word of God. Such instruction will be in accordance with the basis and directed toward the end that these children may occupy their places worthily in Society, Church and State.

B. CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Immanuel Christian School Society is based on the following beliefs:

The Bible

We believe the Bible to be the Word of God and that the sixty-six books were inspired by the Spirit of God. We believe that the Bible is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice and is the only true basis of Christian unity.

God

We believe in one God, creator of all, holy, sovereign, existing in three equal Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This only true and living God has revealed Himself in the Bible, in Christ Jesus and in His creation.

Christ

We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His existence with the Father, in His virgin birth, sinless life, bodily resurrection, substitutionary death, ascension, and personal bodily return; that He is Lord.

The Holy Spirit

We believe in the deity of the Holy Spirit who convicts of sin, of righteousness, and of judgement; who regenerates, sanctifies, illuminates, comforts those who believe in Jesus Christ, and empowers His people individually and together to fulfill their gospel and cultural mandate.

Creation

We believe that the world, in its origin, gracious preservation and ultimate restoration, is the work of the Triune God. Since the glorification of His Name is its purpose, we can understand the world rightly only in its relation to Him.

Humankind

We believe that all people have been created by God in His image to be stewards of His creation and to enjoy fellowship with the Creator. Furthermore, humankind, given special gifts for above any other creature, received the responsibility to be over all things in accordance with God's will and to His honour and glory.

Sin

We believe that sin is disobedience to God's law. Adam and Eve were tempted by Satan and yielded. By sinning, man forsook his office and task, estranged himself from God and his neighbour, and brought God's curse upon His creation. As a result, man has become corrupt in heart. He rejects the true meaning of life and misuses the knowledge of God which confronts him in creation and in Scripture.

Salvation

We believe that salvation is by the sovereign grace of God; that by the appointment of the Father, Christ voluntarily suffered and died, paying the penalty for our sins; that justification is

by faith alone in the all sufficient sacrifice and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Second Coming

We believe that Jesus Christ shall physically return on the clouds of glory, at the Father's appointed time. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust; the eternal punishment of the lost; and the eternal blessedness of the saved.

As members of Immanuel Christian School Society, we also hold to the following principles:

Life

We believe that human life in its entirety is religion, for God created man to serve Him totally, and requires us to educate our children for His service.

Parents

We believe that God has given parents the responsibility to nurture and educate their children. Therefore, parents should establish and maintain Christian schools.

Child

We believe that the child, entrusted by God to parents, needs structuring, correction, and instruction. Children of the Christian home are a heritage of the Lord and share in the promises and the demands of Christ's covenant with His people. Hence, they ought to receive Christian education.

Teacher

We believe that the teacher is responsible to God for the performance of his/her office of educating the child in the school.

Purpose of Education

We believe that the purpose of Christian education is to direct and guide the child to commit his heart to Christ the Truth, to attain to understanding, wisdom, and righteousness, and to perform his/her competent and responsible service of the Lord, in church, state and society.

Christian Unity

We believe that based on love as defined in the Bible, and because of the unique nature of a non-denominational school, that harmony and unity are fundamental to the goals of the school.

MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONS AND DEFINITIONS

1. The Membership is a group of people who support the school financially and morally.
2. A) A full member is an individual or parent who is a Christian and who fully subscribes to the Conditions of Membership and has pledged or paid the annual membership fee. These members are eligible to vote on all matters at the membership meeting.

B) An associate member is an individual or parent who cannot fully subscribe to the Conditions of Membership and has pledged or paid the annual membership fee. Any person

who cannot subscribe to the Conditions of Membership may apply for associate membership. Associate members may vote on all matters except those involving changes to the Society's Constitution. They shall not be eligible to serve on the School Board, Personnel Committee or Education Committee.

Acceptance and Non-Acceptance of Membership

No person shall become a Member of the School Society unless such person shall satisfy a majority of the Board of Directors of the Society. The Board shall determine the acceptance of the person as a full member or associate member. Any persons not accepted will be notified as soon as possible.