THE CONSTITUTION
of the
Central Valley Christian School Society

Preamble

Believing that it is our duty and privilege as Christian parents to provide Christian education for our children and believing that this can best be accomplished by concerted action, we do hereby make and adopt the following articles of association, to wit:

Article I – Name

This Organization shall be known as the Central Valley Christian School Society.

Article II – Basis

The basis of Central Valley Christian Schools is the Word of God as interpreted in Reformed Standards, the Heidelberg Catechism, the Canons of Dort and the Belgic Confession. It is not an ecclesiastical body nor is it subject to any ecclesiastical organization. The government of the Central Valley Christian School Society is autonomous. It is based upon the three-fold office of the believer prophet, priest, and king. Moreover, this Organization is committed to the following educational principles:

(1) Christian education has its foundation in the Creator-creature relationship taught in the Scriptures. It is understood as a process wherein a child's personality is formed by instruction in the truth of God and human knowledge leavened with that truth.

(2) The responsibility for education rests upon the parents (Deut. 6:6-9. Eph. 6:1-4). They may delegate a part of this responsibility to an institution which is able to carry forward their God-given task. The authority of the teacher in discipline and character training is derived from the fact that he/she stands in loco parentis; and the teacher derives authority in subject matter from faithfulness to the laws of God in special and general revelation.

(3) The child, created in the image of God, is regarded as a spiritual-physical being capable of learning, knowing, and obeying the truth of God's Word and the laws of His creation. He/She is an image bearer regarded as a social creature standing in relation to his/her fellow man, having moral, intellectual, and social needs.

(4) The curriculum of the Christian school is the medium through which the child is oriented to a life in Christ and to the culture of this world for fellowship with and service to God in this life and the life to come.
Article III – Purpose

The purpose of the Society is to maintain a school for the daily instruction of our children, such instruction to be in accordance with Article II and directed toward the end that these children may occupy their places worthily in society, church, and state.

Article IV – Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Society shall be open to Christian parents of currently enrolled students, and members at least eighteen years of age, of recognized foundational churches who agree with the basis and principles of the society as defined in Article II; and who will give a formal declaration of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and acknowledgment of the Word of God as the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

Section 2. Membership includes the privilege of voting at the meetings of this Society as well as readiness to participate in activities on behalf of the school entered into by the Organization.

Article V – Meetings

Section 1. The Society shall hold one or more stated meetings each year; the exact time and place of such meetings to be set by the Board.

Section 2. The annual meeting of the Society shall be the principal business session of the year. At this meeting the annual election of Board members shall take place and the Board shall present a budget for the ensuing fiscal year. Questions of school policy, as listed on the agenda presented by the Board, shall be discussed and decided at this meeting.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or Secretary of the Board provided such a meeting is requested in writing by at least one-fourth of the members of the Society. Such request must state the reason(s) for calling the meeting. Notice of a special meeting must also include a statement of the reason(s) for calling such a meeting.

Section 4. All decisions shall ordinarily be by oral vote. Elections, however, shall be by ballot unless otherwise decided at the meeting. A majority of votes cast (i.e. one-half of the votes plus one) shall determine the issue in each case, except where otherwise required by this Constitution or by Robert's Rules of Order.

Article VI – Board of Directors

Section 1. A Board of Directors consisting of not less than five or more than fifteen persons shall be chosen by the Society. The term of office shall be three years. Board members shall not serve consecutive terms.

Section 2. All members of the Board must declare their unconditional agreement with Articles 2 and 3 of this Constitution. They must be members in good standing of a recognized foundational church whose doctrine is in agreement with the Reformed Standards.