



## LCS BIBLICAL LIFESTYLE STATEMENTS AND COVENANT

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LCS believes that every person is created in the image of God, that human sexuality reflects that image in terms of intimate love, communication, fellowship, subordination of the self to the larger whole, and fulfillment. God's Word makes use of the marriage relationship as the supreme metaphor for His relationship with His covenant people and for revealing the truth that that relationship is of one God with one people. Therefore God's plan for human sexuality is that it is to be expressed in a monogamous lifelong relationship between one man and one woman within the framework of biblical marriage. This is the divinely designed relationship for the birth and rearing of children and is a union made in the sight of God, taking priority over every other human relationship. This is validated by Gen. 1:27–28; 2:18, 20, 23–24; Isa. 54:4–8; 62:5b; Jer. 3:14; Ezek. 16; Hosea 2; Mal. 2:14; Matt. 19:4–6; Mark 10:9; John 2:1–2, 11; 1 Cor. 9:5; Eph. 5:23–32; 1 Tim. 5:14; Heb. 13:4; and Rev. 19:7–8.

LCS believes to follow the Scriptural teachings on marriage, we must affirm that sexual relationships outside of biblical marriage and sexual relationships between persons of the same sex are immoral and sinful. LCS abhors the trend to ignore God's laws of chastity and purity, and vigorously opposes public acceptance of sexual promiscuity and all factors and practices that promote it. The school maintains a biblical view of human sexuality that makes the sexual experience, within the framework of marriage, a gift of God to be enjoyed as communion of a man and woman, as well as for the purpose of procreation. Sexual relationships outside of marriage and sexual relationships between persons of the same sex are immoral and sinful. The depth of the sinfulness of homosexual practice is recognized, and yet we believe the grace of God sufficient to overcome both the practice of such activity and the perversion leading to its practice. This is validated by Ex. 20:14, 17; 22:19; Lev. 20:10–16; Matt. 5:32; 19:19; Mark 10:11–12; and Luke 16:18.

Gender differentiation and male/female uniqueness are part of a divine design that God indelibly engraved upon creation. God gives our bodies to us for spiritual and relational purposes, as well as physical ones. It is His desire that the most fundamental distinctions we experience as human beings should remind us that our completeness is ultimately found in communion with Himself and others. For this reason, "The Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him'" (Genesis 2:18). Personal fulfillment involves intimate fellowship and union with God, as exemplified by the ideal of Christ as the bridegroom and the Church as His bride (Ephesians 5:22–32; Revelation 19:7–9). Based on our biblical and theological study, there is no argument for a "third gender" among humans. Gender confusion and dysphoria are ultimately the biological, psychological, social and spiritual consequences of the human race's fallen condition. This state of depravity affects all persons individually and collectively. While society is at liberty to legitimize any behavior it chooses simply by reclassifying and renaming it, Christfollowers adhere to biblical boundaries. It is our Christian conviction that renaming them cannot normalize sin and its expressions. We call upon biblical Christians to continue to accept their role as witnesses who speak prophetically about the need for repentance and sanctification in every culture.

Lee Christian School is a religious, nonprofit Christian school representing Jesus Christ by helping parents prepare their children spiritually, academically, physically, and socially to become His disciples. The biblical and philosophical goal of Lee Christian is to work with families who desire themselves and their children to develop into mature, Christlike individuals who will be able to exhibit a Christlike life. This involves the school's understanding and belief in what qualities exemplify moral and sexual purity based on its interpretation of Scripture.

Lee Christian School stands firmly upon the historical truth claims and moral foundations of Christianity. This includes, but is not limited to, the biblical definition of marriage, the attendant boundaries of sexuality and moral conduct, and the clear biblical teaching that gender is both sacred and established by God's design. Parents or the legal guardians, who choose to enroll their children at LCS, are agreeing to support these and other basic biblical values derived from historical Christianity. Parents understand and agree that LCS will teach these principles and biblical values.

In addition, the School Board urges parents to recognize their scriptural responsibility (Deuteronomy 6:1–9, Psalm 78:5, 6, Proverbs 22:6) to provide their children with a Christian education and to understand that the primary responsibility for this task

rests with the parents (Ephesians 6:4). LCS was founded and continues to operate upon biblical values and the desire and commitment for Biblebelieving Christian parents to enroll their children in an intentionally Christian environment. LCS will accept students who are willing to support the school's philosophy of Christian education, student conduct requirements, and the school's stated positions and whose parents are willing to allow their children to be educated and influenced in an intentionally Christian environment. Continued enrollment at LCS is contingent upon this same understanding and support by both the student and parents.

LCS is a religious institution providing an education in a distinct Christian environment, believing its biblical role is to work in conjunction with the home to mold students to be Christlike. On occasions in which the atmosphere or conduct within a particular home or the activities of the student are counter to or in opposition to the biblical lifestyle the school teaches, the school reserves the right, within its sole discretion, to refuse admission of an applicant or discontinue enrollment of a current student. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, living in, practicing, condoning, or supporting sexual immorality, including but not limited to, sex outside of marriage, homosexual acts, bisexual acts; gender identity different than the birth sex at the chromosomal level; promoting such practices; or otherwise the inability to support the moral principles of the school (Leviticus, 20:13a, Romans 1:27, Matthew 19:46).

#### **MARRIAGE, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STATEMENT**

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen 2:18-25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:25; Heb. 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10). We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of LCS as Christian ministry, and to provide a biblical role model to the LCS families, it is imperative that all persons employed by LCS in any capacity, that serve as School Board, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess. 5:22). We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 6:9-11). We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture.

#### **FINAL AUTHORITY IN MATTERS OF BELIEF AND CONDUCT STATEMENT**

The statement of faith 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 LCS's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our School Board is LCS's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

#### **SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE STATEMENT**

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including preborn babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life (Ps 139).

#### **MARRIAGE POLICY STATEMENT**

Because God has ordained marriage and defined it as the covenant relationship between a man, a woman, and Himself, LCS will only recognize marriages between a man and woman at the chromosomal level. Finally, the facilities and property of LCS shall only host weddings between one man and one woman.

I, (PRINT NAME) \_\_\_\_\_ AFFIRM THESE STATEMENTS AS MY RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND MAKE A COVENANT WITH GOD TO LIVE A LIFESTYLE CONSISTENT WITH THESE BIBLICAL STATEMENTS.

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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6-12 STUDENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE: THE PURPOSE OF THIS COVENANT IS NOT TO DICTATE THE PERSONAL CHOICES OF ANY INDIVIDUAL, HOWEVER, THE PURPOSE OF THIS COVENANT IS TO COMMUNICATE TO FAMILIES AND EMPLOYEES THAT LEE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHOOSES TO MINISTER ONLY TO THOSE THAT ARE STRIVING TO LIVE ACCORDING TO BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES AND FAITH.