



**AMENDED ARTICLES OF  
INCORPORATION**

**And**

**AMENDED BY-LAWS**

**Of the**

**VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SYSTEM**

**April 30, 2021**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The fundamental principle of the Valley Christian School System is respect for the status God has given the home. We believe that God extends promises to children through Christian parents, and this gives sanctity to the Christian home, a sanctity that generates the right/duty to train one's children in the fear of the Lord. We believe that it is an abdication of an essential part of parenthood to give this right/duty to the state. Therefore the Valley Christian School Society was formed in 1930 by a group of Christian parents who had a vision of Scripture-based and Christ-centered education for their children – a vision that the truth and power of the Gospel must permeate every facet of life.

It is our goal that our students will experience the full, regenerating power of Jesus Christ and the Word through the work of the Holy Spirit in their thinking, their doing, and indeed in their very being. And there is not an aspect of life that may be quarantined from this power. Nothing is neutral in the Christian life. It is equally important that, since we recognize that all of our endeavors are in the “Kingdom”, each of our students must strive for the highest development and exploitation of each of his gifts as an offering of praise and gratitude to his God.

The Valley Christian School Society was formed on December 10, 1930 by a group of forty-one Christians, stimulated to a vision of covenantal education by the work of Rev. J.J. Werkman. Its charter officers were Mr. Frank Hoekstra, president; Mr. Charles Sybesma, vice-president; Mr. Jose Martens, secretary; and Mr. H.K. Vander Wiede, treasurer. After a constitution was adopted, Mr. J. Van Leeuwen, St., Mr. A. Koopmans, and Mr. R. Reinsma were elected to join the officers in constituting the first board of directors.

The first educational effort was a six-week summer-school session conducted at the Bellflower Women's Club. This program was conducted each summer from 1931 to 1935. The pioneer teachers were Mr. A. Van Dyke, Miss Anna Wegman (later Zimmer), and Mr. Marius Van Vuuren.

In 1934 three acres of land were bought on Grand Avenue. A four-room schoolhouse was built and one hundred forty students were welcomed to year-round sessions in the fall of 1935. The first teachers were Miss Kate Meyers, Miss Anna Wegman, and Miss Gertrude Vander Zee. The first principal was Mr. Martin Sterk, later to open a long-standing medical practice in Bellflower.

The school grew rapidly, and already in 1937 grades nine and ten were added. Sometimes classes had to be housed in tents. In 1949 fifteen adjoining acres were purchased to accommodate the full high school program which was being developed. The building program at the Grand Avenue site, which was eventually to include a separate junior high building and a manual arts building, was completed in 1946. These WW II years were filled with suspense over the threat of enemy attacks on southern California and with rapid growth as many people with the Christian school vision emigrated from the Midwest for jobs in shipbuilding and other aspects of war-support.

In 1954 a branch of the grade school was established in Artesia, and in 1958 the high school was moved to its present campus on Dumont between Artesia Boulevard and 183<sup>rd</sup> Street. In 1965 the junior high school was built on the same site. The Artesia campus was sold in 1978 because of declining enrollment.

1983 saw the completion of an addition to the industrial arts building and a new music room at the high school. Enrollment at Valley Christian Middle School and at Valley Christian High School started to climb again in the mid-80's and in the 90's. In 1997 the Middle School went through a face-lift of its original building and added a new building with a science room, library, and computer room. In 1998 the high school grew by 150 students and the old library was remodeled into a new science room and two new classrooms. A smaller shop was built in the bus garage and the old shop was remodeled into a new library and a new computer room. Valley Christian Elementary (now Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade) added on to the teachers' lounge and went through a face-lift in 1999. Enrollment peaked at 1566 students in the Fall of 1999.

## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

### **ARTICLE I**

That the name of the Corporation shall be VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SYSTEM .

### **ARTICLE II**

That the principal office for the transaction of the business of said corporation shall be located in the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

### **ARTICLE III**

That the existence of this corporation is to be perpetual.

### **ARTICLE IV**

That this corporation is not formed for pecuniary gain or profit and does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof, and no revenue received or derived from the activity or operations of the corporation is to inure to the benefit of any individual. That there shall never be paid to the members of the corporation any gains, profits or dividends therefrom.

### **ARTICLE V**

That the purpose for which said corporation is organized and formed shall be:

- a) To instruct the children in cooperation with the home as creatures of God in such a manner that they shall attain unto their distinction in society to the honor of God, their own well-being, and the benefit of others.
- b) To base the teaching of this corporation on the word of God, understood according to the Confessions of the Reformed Churches: the Formulas of Unity of the Reformed Churches in America, the said Formulas of Unity being:
  1. The Heidelberg Catechism
  2. The Belgic Confession
  3. The Canons of Dort
- c) To acquire, purchase, lease and encumber the necessary real property to be used in connection with the objects of this corporation and to erect necessary buildings thereon and to do the things requisite or desirable to carry out the object of said corporation.
- d) To receive, own and dispose of cash securities and real and personal property to be used from time to time for the development of the interests of this corporation.
- e) To have a common seal and to alter the same at pleasure and to take into possession and custody all of the properties of the corporation to make rules and regulations for the management thereof whether the same shall consist of real or personal estate and whether the same shall have been given, granted, bequeathed or devised directly or indirectly to said corporation or to any person for its use.

The foregoing statement of purposes shall be construed as both a statement of purpose and powers, and the purposes and powers stated in each clause except where otherwise expressed are in no-wise limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms and provisions of any other clause but shall be regarded as an independent purpose and all for the primary object of carrying out the purposes and principles of this corporation.

**ARTICLE VI**

The property of the corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious and charitable purposes and upon the liquidation, dissolution or abandonment of the owner will not inure to the benefit of any private person, except a fund, foundation or corporation organized and operated for a religious hospital, scientific or charitable purposes.

**ARTICLE VII**

That the original number of trustees of said corporation was seven and the names and residences of the trustees elected for the first year and who served until the election and qualification of their successors are as follows:

FRANK HOEKSTRA  
219 N. Paramount Blvd.  
Clearwater, California

ARTHUR KOOPMAN  
253 Paramount Blvd.  
Hynes, California

EDWARD HOEKSTRA  
1434 E. Artesia Blvd.  
Bellflower, California

B.D. MELLEMA  
Norwalk, California

PETER TIEMEYER  
1036 E. Artesia Blvd.  
Bellflower, California

E. LAUTENBACH  
201 Carmenita  
Norwalk, California

That the number of directors of said corporation shall be from April 22, 2021 hereafter be nine (9).

**ARTICLE VIII**

The articles of incorporation adopted in conformity herewith may be amended by the two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, and a two-thirds vote of the members of corporation. Membership voting will include members present at the meeting as well those voting by absentee ballot.

**ARTICLE IX**

That the corporation has no capital stock and shall be a non-profit corporation. There shall be only one class of membership and each member shall be entitled to one vote.

**AMENDED BY-LAWS  
Of  
THE VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SYSTEM**

Valley Christian School System is a corporation organized under the general Non-Profit Laws of the State of California under Title I, Chapter I of the Corporations Code of the State of California, organized for the primary purpose of operating a Christian oriented school. It hereby adopts the following By-Laws, as amended, effective May 26, 1970.

**ARTICLE I  
MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the Corporation shall be composed of parents or guardians and those persons eighteen years of age and older, who believe in the instruction of children as creatures of God in such a manner that they shall attain unto their distinction in society to the honor of God, their own well-being and to the benefit of others.

Those persons who are members of a Reformed Church, as defined in Article V of the Articles of Incorporation of this Corporation, may upon application, become members of the Corporation. Each application shall be acted upon by the Board of Directors for acceptance or rejection. In addition persons whose basic beliefs are in substantial agreement with those stated in the Articles of Incorporation and who pledge to uphold these Articles in so far as these Articles determine the policy and structure of the school shall also qualify for membership. This determination shall be made by the Board of Directors at the time each respective application for membership is made.

Termination of Membership: Termination of membership in the Corporation may be accomplished as hereinafter provided: a) by death; b) by resignation; c) by expulsion. Termination of membership shall not relieve the former member of any membership or other obligation to the Corporation theretofore incurred.

- a) Membership theretofore held shall ipso facto terminate upon the death of a member.
- b) Resignation of a member from this Corporation and from the obligations imposed under these By-Laws pursuant to notice as provided under Article XIII, Section 3 thereof, shall terminate membership but only as therein provided. The Board of Directors however, at the request of a member may waive the required notice of resignation and withdrawal and terminate membership at any time.
- c) A member may be expelled from membership and membership terminated upon notice of hearing as provided in Sections 2 and 4, Article XIII of these By-Laws.

**ARTICLE II  
OFFICES**

**Section 1. PRINCIPLE OFFICE.** The principle office for the transaction of business for the Corporation shall be at 10818 Artesia Boulevard, City of Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, or such other place within such county as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2. OTHER OFFICES.** Branch or subordinate offices may at any time be established by the Board of Directors at any place where the Corporation is qualified to do business.

### **ARTICLE III MEETING OF MEMBERS**

**Section 1. ANNUAL MEETING – TIME AND PLACE.** The annual meeting of the members shall be held at a place within the counties of Los Angeles or Orange, designated by the Board of Directors at such time and on such day during the second quarter of each calendar year as the Board of Directors shall select.

**Section 2. NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETINGS.** Written notices of each annual meeting shall be given by the Secretary to each member. Such notice shall state the time and place of meeting and that the purpose thereof is the election of directors and the transaction of any other business which may come before the meeting. Such notice shall also state the general nature of any business or proposal to be considered or acted upon at such meeting.

Such notice shall be sent by United States mail, postage prepaid, not more than fifteen (15) days nor less than five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting and shall be addressed to the residence or place of business of each member as the same shall appear upon the books of the Corporation. If the secretary fails to give notice of any annual meeting, such notices may be given by any other officer or member of the Corporation.

**Section 3. SPECIAL MEETINGS.** Special meetings of the members for any purpose or purposes whatsoever, may be called at any time by the President or by the majority of the Board of Directors or by any fifty (50) members of the Corporation.

Upon request in writing signed by any fifty members of the Corporation or by a majority of the Board of Directors to the President, Vice President or Secretary, at which time the duty of such officer forthwith to cause notice to be given to the members that a meeting will be held at a time fixed by such officer not less than three (3) days and not more than ten (10) days after the receipt of said request. If such notice be not given within three (3) days after the date of delivery of such request, the members or directors calling the meeting may fix the time of meeting and give the notice of the matter herein provided.

**Section 4. NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS.** Notice of each special meeting of the members shall be given in the same manner as herein provided for notice of annual meeting except that such notices shall be mailed not less than three (3) nor more than ten (10) days prior to the time of such meeting. Notice of a special meeting of the members shall state the general nature of the business to be transacted.

**Section 5. MINUTE ENTRY OF NOTICE CONCLUSIVE.** An entry duly and regularly made in the minutes of any meeting of the members or directors in the Corporation minute book to the effect that notice of said meeting has been given in the manner required by these by-laws, shall be conclusive upon the Corporation, its directors, members and all other persons that such notice has been duly given, in proper form and substance, to the proper persons and for the requisite length of time.

**Section 6. ADJOURNED MEETINGS.** When a meeting of the members is adjourned for thirty days or more, notice of the Adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting; save as aforesaid, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of the time and place of the adjourned meeting or of the business to be transacted thereat other than by announcement at the meeting at which such adjournment is taken.

**Section 7. QUORUM.** Any number of members present, either in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting provided said meeting is properly called as herein required.

Members present at a duly called or held meeting may continue to do business until adjourned notwithstanding the withdrawal of any number of members present.

**Section 8. ABSENTEE BALLOTS.** Any member shall be permitted to vote by absentee ballot at any meeting of the members either general or special. Along with the agenda, absentee ballots will be sent by mail to all members. Ballots sent to the Business Office must be received on working day prior to the commencement of the meeting. Other absentee ballots may be hand carried and delivered by a member prior to the commencement of the meeting. All absentee ballots received must be enclosed in an envelope. Each envelope must be legibly signed by the voter in order to be counted. Absentee ballots will only be counted for the first vote on any measure. Only those absentee ballots received prior to the commencement of the meeting will be counted. If a majority vote is required and not obtained during the first vote on any measure, subsequent voting (if any) will only include ballots cast by members present at the meeting.

**Section 9. BALLOT COMMITTEE.** A ballot committee of four members shall be appointed by the presiding officer. All absentee ballots and regular ballots shall be submitted to, examined, and counted by said committee. The decision of the ballot committee as to the validity of any ballot shall be conclusive. This committee and the Secretary shall be responsible for the following:

- 1) Assembling a complete list of eligible voters prior to the meeting.
- 2) Updating this list to indicate which members have voted by absentee ballot.
- 3) Using this updated list to determine which members attending the meeting have already voted by absentee ballot.
- 4) Dispensing ballots only to those members who have not already voted by absentee ballot.

**Section 10. VOTING.** Each member of the Corporation shall have one vote on all matters coming before the members for vote.

## **ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1. NUMBER.** The business of the Corporation shall be managed by a board of nine (9) directors which number may be changed from time to time by amendment of the Articles of Incorporation and these By-Laws.

**Section 2. ELECTION – TERM OF OFFICE.** The directors shall be elected at the meeting of the members. No Director shall be elected at any election until he shall have received at least a majority of the vote cast at the election. For all elections taking place after the effective date of these Amended By-Laws, three (3) directors shall be elected at the annual meeting and shall serve for a term of three (3) years and until their successors take office. Their term of office shall begin with the organizational meeting of the directors to be held June 1st of each year at a time and place



determined by the then acting Board of Directors. A director may be nominated to serve additional consecutive terms, providing that the existing board member has informed the Board of his intent by the prior year November Board meeting, AND, the existing board has approved his nomination by 2/3 majority with a ballot vote. The nominee slate for the annual society election will consist of new nominees plus any existing board members as described above. A director may not be nominated for any term exceeding 9 consecutive years of service.

**Section 3. QUALIFICATIONS.** All board members must be bona fide members in good standing of the Valley Christian School Society. At least seven (7) board members must be members in good standing of an anchor church. A maximum of two (2) board members at a time will be allowed to be members in good standing of a non-anchor Protestant church.

At a minimum, the doctrine of an anchor church must be in substantial agreement with those principles on which Valley Christian Schools was founded, and which are currently stipulated in Article V of the Articles of Incorporation. Further clarification on substantial agreement include the following:

- 1) Adherence to the Westminster Confession may be recognized as substantial agreement with the Reformed Confessions.
- 2) Substantial agreement to the Reformed Confessions must include adherence to covenant theology. Covenant theology is a core value of Valley Christian Schools. The practice of infant baptism is a requirement since it clearly demonstrates our understanding of covenant theology.

**Section 4. VACANCIES.** In case of a vacancy in the Board of Directors through death, resignation, disqualification, or other cause, the remaining directors may elect a director to fill such vacancy until his successor is elected at a regular or special meeting of the members.

**Section 5. PLACE OF MEETING.** Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at any place which has been designated from time to time by resolution of the Board or by written consent of all members of the Board. In the absence of such designation, meetings shall be held at the principal office of the corporation.

**Section 6. ORGANIZATION MEETING.** For the purpose of this section, the words ‘acting directors’ shall mean all directors who are serving at the time of election, including the continuing and retiring directors. Following each annual meeting of the members, the Board of Directors shall establish a time and place as soon after June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year as is convenient to hold a regular meeting for the purpose of organization, election of officers and the transaction of other business upon appropriate notice to the acting and any elected directors. At the organizational meeting, the Board of Directors shall designate at least one day each month for the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the corporation. The retiring directors shall not be entitled to vote on matters brought before the directors at said organizational meeting, with the exception of the election of new officers.

**Section 7. TIME OF MEETINGS.** Other than the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by the President or majority of the Directors.

**Section 8. NOTICE OF MEETINGS.** Notice of the time and place of each meeting of the directors shall be mailed to each director at least forty-eight hours prior to the time fixed for said

meetings. In lieu of mailing, notice of a special meeting may be given by telegram addressed to a director at his place of residence or place of business by telephone or by personal delivery not less than twenty-four hours prior to the time fixed for said meeting. Such notice shall be sent by the secretary, or if the secretary fails to do so, by any other officer or director calling or joining the call for said meeting.

**Section 9. WAIVER OF NOTICE OF DIRECTORS' MEETING.** The transactions of any meeting of the Board of Directors, called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though it had been a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, if a quorum be present, and if either before or after the meeting of the Board of Directors, each director signs a written waiver of notice of consent to holding such meeting or an approval of the minutes thereof. All such waivers, consents, or approvals shall be filed with the corporate records or made a part of the minutes of the meeting.

**Section 10. QUORUM.** A majority of directors present at a duly called meeting either in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors for the transaction of business at any meeting.

## **ARTICLE V POWER OF DIRECTORS**

The directors shall have the power:

**Section 1. APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.** To appoint and remove at pleasure, all officers, agents and employees of the Corporation, prescribe their duties, fix their compensation and require from them, if deemed advisable, security for faithful service.

**Section 2. MANAGEMENT OF BUSINESS.** To conduct, manage and control the affairs and business of the Corporation, to exercise such powers as may be permitted by law, and to make rules and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of the State of California, the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation, or its By-Laws, for the guidance of the officers and management of its affairs.

**Section 3. INDEBTEDNESS AND ENCUMBRANCES.** The Board of Directors by resolution shall have the power to incur indebtedness in such amounts, not exceeding an aggregate amount of \$25,000 as in its judgment it deems proper. The Board of Directors may incur indebtedness in excess of the members present at a duly called meeting of the members.

**Section 4. POWER TO PURCHASE AND SELL PROPERTY.** The Board of Directors shall have power and authority to sell, convey, lease and exchange or transfer any real or personal property belonging to said corporation, whether acquired before or after incorporation, provided the consideration involved shall be in a sum less than 2 1/2% of the most recent preceding fiscal year end net assets as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, but in all other events, the prior consent of the majority of the members present at a duly called meeting of the members of the corporation shall be required. It is specifically understood that the Board of Directors may not dispose of real or personal property belonging to the corporation without consideration unless the prior consent of the majority of the members present at a duly called meeting of the corporation shall first be obtained. The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to erect school houses, school homes, school appurtenances, including campus and playground improvements, and equipment and athletic field equipment and improvements for the use and benefit of students, trainers, teachers and other proper persons and to change, alter and improve the same; provided however, no such purchase or improvement

expenditure shall exceed the sum of 2 1/2% of the most recent preceding fiscal year end net assets as defined above, unless consent of a majority of the members present at any duly called meeting of the members of the corporation shall first be obtained.

**Section 5. SCHOOL BUSINESS.** The Board of Directors shall have the full control and management of the affairs and business of the schools and institutions conducted and operated by the Corporation and shall have the power to employ and dismiss all teachers, custodians and other persons employed in said schools or in the affairs and business of the Corporation.

**Section 6. REFUSE MEMBERSHIP.** The Board of Directors shall have the power to refuse membership to any person applying for membership in the Corporation, who in the opinion of the directors does not believe in the purposes and principles of this corporation or for any other reason is unfit or undesirable as a member thereof.

**Section 7. DELEGATE POWERS.** To delegate to such other person or persons as the Board of Directors shall see fit any or all powers which the Board of Directors may have hereunder, subject, however, to the right of the Board of Directors to rescind said delegation at any time.

**Section 8. COST OF EDUCATION.** To set a schedule of the cost of education of all students attending the schools of the Corporation and to take such steps as the Board of Directors may see fit to collect the cost of education.

## **ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF DIRECTORS**

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors:

**Section 1. RECORDS AND REPORTS TO MEMBERS.** To cause to be kept a complete record of all their minutes and acts and of the proceedings of the meetings of its members, both regular and special, and to present a full statement at the regular annual meeting of its members, showing in detail the condition of the affairs of the Corporation. A similar statement shall be presented to any other meeting of the members, when thereto required by at least one-third of the members of the Corporation.

**Section 2. SUPERVISION.** To supervise all officers, agents and employees and see that their duties are properly performed.

**Section 3. BOOKKEEPING AND AUDITING.** To cause to be installed and kept a system of bookkeeping which will reflect the operations and financial condition of the business of the Corporation and to have the transactions and books of the Corporation audited at least once each year and at such other times or intervals as they may deem necessary or advisable.

## **ARTICLE VII OFFICERS**

The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Vicar all of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors and who shall also be members of the Corporation. The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by one person. The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers as it may deem necessary, who shall have such authority and shall perform such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

The Vicar shall have the duty to take the place of any officer who shall not otherwise have a replacement at a meeting under the terms of these By-Laws under such procedure as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VIII PRESIDENT**

The President shall:

- 1) Preside over all meetings of the members and directors.
- 2) Sign, as President, contracts and other instruments in writing, if, when and as directed to do so by the Board of Directors, which, however, may authorize such contracts and other instruments in writing, instead of being signed by the President, to be signed by any other officer or person.
- 3) Call the directors together whenever he deems it necessary, and shall have, subject to the advice of the directors, direction of the affairs of the Corporation, and generally shall discharge such other duties as may be required of him by the By-Laws of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE IX VICE PRESIDENT**

In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions upon, the President. The Vice President shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed by the Board of Directors of the By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE X SECRETARY**

**Section 1. GENERAL DUTIES.** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Board of Directors and of the members. He shall keep the corporate seal of the Corporation and affix the corporate seal to all papers requiring it. He shall discharge such other duties as pertain to his office, or which may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2. SENDING NOTICE OF MEETINGS.** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to send notices of the meeting of the members and Board of Directors as elsewhere provided in these By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE XI TREASURER**

**Section 1. DUTIES.** The Treasurer shall keep and maintain or cause to be kept and maintained adequate and correct accounts of the properties and transactions of the corporation. He shall be a standing member of the Finance Committee of this corporation. The books of account shall at all reasonable times be open for inspection by any director. The Treasurer shall deposit or cause to be deposited all moneys or other valuables in the name and to the credit of the corporation with such depositaries as may be designated by the Board of Directors. He shall disburse or cause to be

disbursed funds of the corporation as may be ordered by the Board of Directors and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or these By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE XII ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Board of Directors shall at their first organization meeting elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vicar. They shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. This election shall include votes cast by newly elected directors, current directors, and retiring members of the Board of Directors. Their term of office shall be for one year.

## **ARTICLE XIII GENERAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING MEMBERS**

**Section 1. MEMBERSHIP NON-ASSIGNABLE WITHOUT CONSENT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** Membership in this Corporation is not assignable by any member to any other person nor shall the interest of any member of this Corporation in and to its property or assets be assignable or subject to executions, sale, nor shall any other person who may succeed by operation of law or otherwise to the property interests of a member be entitled to membership in this Corporation by virtue of said transfer or proceedings without the consent of the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The Board of Directors of the Corporation may, however, by motion duly adopted by it, consent to any such assignment and transfer, and to the acceptance of the assignee or transferee if eligible as a member of the Corporation, but it is expressly understood and agreed between all the members that no member or membership right shall be transferred or assigned without the consent of the Board of Directors expressed by a duly adopted resolution.

**Section 2. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS.** Any person desiring to become a member shall make an application therefore on such form as may be approved for that purpose by the Board of Directors. The requirements for membership are defined in Article I of the By-Laws. Said membership shall continue so long as the member continues to show said active interest in the Corporation and its functions through attendance at various school activities, participation in the financial and physical needs of the school, and/or be personally involved in the life of the system. If the required active interest is lacking, it shall be grounds for termination as a member.

**Section 3. RESIGNATION.** It is understood and agreed that any member may resign from this Corporation by giving the Secretary thirty days written notice of said intention and said resignation shall be effective upon the termination of said thirty days period.

**Section 4. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS.** The Board of Directors of this Corporation may, whenever in its judgment the conduct of a member is inconsistent with the purposes and principles of this Corporation, or inconsistent with the confessions of the Reformed churches, or the formulas of unity of the Reformed Church in America, expel such member from the Corporation. Before expelling a member, the Board shall notify such member in writing of its intention to consider such action and the reason therefore, and shall give him an opportunity to appear before it and be heard regarding such proposed action. Written notice of the time and place of such hearing shall be given to the member at least five days prior thereto. Following such hearing, or if no demand is made by

such member for a hearing, the Board shall determine its action regarding the expulsion of such member and if he/she is expelled, note of this fact shall be entered in the minutes of the Corporation.

**Section 5. INSPECTION OF BOOKS.** All books, records, minutes and proceedings of the Board of Directors and of the Corporation shall at all times during regular business hours be subject to the inspection of any member of the Corporation.

**Section 6. PUBLIC LIABILITY.** Members of this Corporation in consideration of its being a non-profit corporation and in consideration of it being maintained by donations, inheritances, and other voluntary contributions, hereby waive and release all claim for damages of every kind and character whatsoever that may now, have or may at any time hereafter acquire against this corporation by reason of any injury, acts or death to themselves or their children or any child under their care, it being expressly understood that this is intended as a waiver of liability on the part of the Corporation for any damages or injuries to said person whether said damage or injuries can be foreseen at this time or not.

#### **ARTICLE XIV SEAL**

The Board of Directors shall provide a suitable seal, containing the name of the Corporation, the date of its incorporation and other appropriate words, and may alter the same at pleasure.

#### **ARTICLE XV AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS**

These By-Laws may be repealed or amended, or any additional By-Laws adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members of this Corporation present at any regular or special meeting thereof and in no other manner or in any different procedure.

The power to repeal or amend these By-Laws and to adopt any new or additional By-Laws is hereby reserved to the members of this Corporation, such power however, to be exercised only as in this article provided.

#### **ARTICLE XVI PROPERTY RIGHTS**

The members of this corporation shall have no property rights in the assets of this corporation and upon termination of their membership or their resignation or otherwise, they shall be entitled to no interest in the assets and property of the corporation. In the event of the termination and dissolution of the corporation, the assets and property of the corporation shall be distributed to the individual Reformed church to which members of the corporation shall be members in the respective individual Reformed churches, as said proportion shall bear to each other at the time of the election of dissolution and termination of this corporation. "Reformed church" as used in this section shall be deemed to be a Reformed church as defined in Article V of the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation. The property so distributed shall be used by each individual Reformed church only for Christian academic education.

**ARTICLE XVII**  
**MAINTENANCE OF THE CORPORATION**

This Corporation being a non-profit charitable Corporation shall be maintained, financed and conducted as follows: a) By donations, inheritances, and any other gifts and contributions, b) By tuition for the students attending the school, and classes offered by said Corporation.