



Ponoka Christian School

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Society Membership Information/Form

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Society member. At Ponoka Christian School (PCS) we rely on our great community support.

Once you consent to the information presented here by signing the last page, members of the School Board will interview you and then you will need to be approved by both the Board and PCS Society.

A society member has voting rights when making decisions at PCS, which can be exercised at Society meetings. Meetings are held twice a year, once in the Spring and once in the Fall.

Society membership fees are \$25 a person (\$50 a couple) annually. This helps us keep our membership list up to date.

If you have any questions regarding these forms, please feel free to talk to any member of the Board. All contact information is listed on the website, www.ponokachristianschool.com.



1-2-1 GENERAL PURPOSE OF THE PONOKA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SOCIETY

The purpose of the Society is to operate an independent Christian school that focuses on student development in three areas:

- 1. To help each student in his/her spiritual and Moral growth by,**
 - a. Creating an educational climate of love and honor for God as the Creator and Sustainer of the universe and of human life, and by
 - b. Encouraging each student to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as God and Savior, and by
 - c. Teaching the Bible as the God-given authority in all areas of life and thought, and by
 - d. Helping each student develop moral and ethical values from the Bible, and by
 - e. Helping each student integrate his studies with a Biblical view of God, man and the universe.
- 2. To help each student in his/her personal and Social development by,**
 - a. Helping each student develop his/her own personality as a unique individual created in the image of God, and by
 - b. Teaching each student to take personal responsibility for his/her life under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and by
 - c. Teaching biblical attitudes and ideals of self-esteem, sexuality, marriage, family, church and community, and by
 - d. helping each student to relate to others with sensitivity and respect and to form meaningful relationships, and by
 - e. Teaching respect and responsible use of property and the natural environment as gifts of God's providence.
- 3. To help each student in his/her intellectual and Academic Achievement by,**
 - a. Teaching a full curriculum of language and communication skills, social sciences, history, current events, Bible, Literature, natural sciences, mathematics, health, physical education, practical living skills, and consider other subjects recommended from time to time by parents and/or by the Alberta Department of Education, and by
 - b. Teaching an appreciation of the fine arts and performing arts through an understanding of these art forms and giving the students an opportunity for his/her own personal expression of these art forms, and by
 - c. teaching an appreciation for our Christian and Canadian culture and heritage, and by
 - d. Helping each student to develop creative and critical thinking, and by
 - e. Teaching each student proper use of biblical criteria for evaluating the world of ideas they encounter in society, and by
 - f. Motivating each student to pursue independent study in the areas of his/her personal interest, and by
 - g. Promoting high academic standards within the potential of the student, and by
 - h. Teaching the student how to do independent research and to reason logically.



1-2-3 FOUNDATION STATEMENTS

Mission Statement

Ponoka Christian School's Mission Statement is "Educating our Children Together with Home and Church to know the Lordship of Christ."

Vision

The vision of Ponoka Christian School is "We, the Society of Ponoka Christian School, believe that the home, church, and school form a partnership, standing firm on the Word of God, to prepare children for a life of Christian wisdom and discipleship."

Ponoka Christian School is an interdenominational Christian School community which exists for the following principles:

- To encourage each member of the PCS community to commit to Jesus Christ and to grow in that relationship
- To help the students develop for themselves and live out a Christian view of the world by integrating life and studies with the Bible
- To promote curriculum and diverse teaching methods to nurture the whole child in his/her abilities and gifts for God's service in the world
- To educate children for a life of responsibility and responsive discipleship in Christ, that is, to promote the healing of a broken relationship between God and man and creation.

Through the Ponoka Christian School Society, all members have the responsibility and freedom to be involved in the decisions and activities of the school. We will communicate with and respect each other, always celebrating our unity in Christ.



1-2-4 MEMBERSHIP

1. Any person 18 years or older interested in becoming a member of the Ponoka Christian School Society can contact the school to receive an application package (which includes the P.C.S. Member's Covenant and Statement of Faith). An interview will be scheduled with members of the Board once the application is completed, signed, and returned to the school.
2. The board will make a recommendation to society at its next meeting. That recommendation needs to be accepted by a majority of the members present. After payment of the membership fee that person will be given membership into the Ponoka Christian School Society. Voting privileges for new Society Members will be awarded at next bi-annual Society Meeting.
3. New teaching staff coming into Ponoka Christian School are required to become a society member and sign the P.C.S. Society Members Covenant and statement of Faith. The interview done by the Hiring Committee is sufficient for membership purposes. Teachers are responsible for payment of membership fees.
4. Any member who does not pay his/her membership fee (which is due every September 30th) will be contacted by the Board. If within 3 weeks of contact that member does not pay, he/she will automatically have their membership suspended. Such members will not be entitled to membership privileges or powers in the Society until re-instated. Re-instatement will be at the discretion of the Board.
5. Any member wishing to withdraw from membership in the Society may do so upon notice in writing to the Board through the secretary.
6. Any member upon a 75% majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the Society, and who has been personally visited and dealt with according to Matthew 18:15-17, may be dismissed from membership.
7. Members, who take all their children out of P.C.S to educate in a different manner or school, will forfeit their membership.



STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is only one true God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Ghost. (2 Cor. 13:14, Matt. 28:19)
2. We believe that the Bible is the inspired and preserved Word of God and is a complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men. It is the final authority in all matters of faith and conduct. (2 Tim. 3:16,17, Matt. 24:35)
3. We believe that God created the universe for a divine purpose and that the form of every kind of life was fixed at the time of its creation. (Gen. 1:1, John 1:1)
4. We believe Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven and that a person must repent of his/her sins and accept Him as their Savior and Lord to be born again. (John 3: 7,16)
5. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and man. (1 Tim. 2:5)
6. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His pre-existence, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His substitutionary death, burial and bodily resurrection, His Ascension to the right hand of the father and future visible return in power and glory. (Col. 1:13-20, Matt. 24:30)
7. We believe that man was originally created in the image and likeness of God as a triune being (body, soul and spirit). He fell through disobedience incurring thereby both physical and spiritual death. All men are born with a sinful nature, are lost and can be saved only by grace through the atoning blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom. 3:23, Eph. 2:8,9, Titus 3:5)
8. We believe that the Holy Spirit is a Divine person sent to indwell, guide, teach, empower the believer and convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. It is the will of God that each believer should be filled with the Holy Spirit thereby receiving power for holy living and effective service. (Rom. 8:4, 12:1,2, Titus 2:11-13, 1 John 2:15)
9. We believe that the Church is the spiritual unity of true believers in our Lord Jesus Christ of which Christ is the Head. (John 17:20-23, 1 Cor. 12:12-24)
10. We believe that support of and participation in the task of fulfilling the great commission is an obligation of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (Matt. 28:18-20, Mark 16:15)
11. We believe in life after death – either in heaven or in hell. (Dan. 12:2, John 5:28,29)

I/We will voluntarily subject myself/ourselves to this statement of faith thereby indicating non-interference with the Christian direction of the Ponoka Christian School.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Member's Covenant

I/We believe, that as a Society, we have been led by the Spirit of God, to operate a Christian school.

Central to this is the teaching of reverence for the Lord, which is reflected in all aspects of life. Proverbs 9:10 states: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

I/We humbly pray that God will bless our Society and School to the glory of His name and the salvation of our children.

I/We therefore, engage myself/ourselves to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of the school, to remember each other in prayer, to uphold the Board, staff and students, and support the school with help and finances. Romans 12:3-8; 2 Peter 1:5-8

I/We, as members of the Society, accept the Statement of Faith, the Ponoka Christian School Society constitution and by-laws; and signify this by signing my/our name (s) below:

Signature

Printed Name

Signature

Printed Name

Date

Date of Approval

Signature of Approval

Board Member