

# **Constitution of the Society for Christian Instruction Ripon, California**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, the undersigned, all of whom are residents of the County of San Joaquin, State of California, desire to establish a seminary or school of learning wherein Christian doctrines and courses of study may be taught, have this day voluntarily associated ourselves together for the purpose of forming a Corporation for that purpose, under the laws of the State of California, as provided by Title 17, Part 4, Division First, of the Civil Code of the State of California:

AND WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

ARTICLE I: That the name of said Corporation shall be: The SOCIETY FOR CHRISTIAN INSTRUCTION OF RIPON, CALIFORNIA

ARTICLE II: That the purposes for which said Corporation is organized are:

1. To establish and carry on a seminary or school of learning where pupils and students may obtain a sound and thorough training in Christian religion and doctrines, mechanical, literary and general education of the highest order. Such training and education shall be God-centered in accordance with the basic principles of this Society. These basic principles are the doctrines revealed in the infallible Word of God as expressed in the Three Formulas of Unity as sub-scribed to by the Reformed Churches, to-wit: The Heidelberg Catechism, The Belgic Confession and the Canons of Dort;
2. To provide for the organization of classes of instruction and the proper conducting of the same;
3. To arrange for the delivery and holding of lectures, discussions, conferences and such meetings as may be calculated, directly or indirectly, to advance the spiritual or mental development of those who attend;
4. To receive and hold, by purchase, gift, devise, bequest or grant, real or personal property for educational purposes connected with this Corporation, or for the benefit of the institution;
5. To sell, mortgage, lease and otherwise use and dispose of the property of the Corporation in such manner as shall be, by the Trustees deemed most conducive to the prosperity of this Corporation;
6. To join or consolidate with and enter into agreements and cooperative relations not in contravention of law, with any persons, firms, associations or corporations, governmental, municipal or otherwise, in and about the carrying on and out of all or any of the purposes of this Corporation.

ARTICLE III: That the place where said seminary or school is to be conducted is in the County of San Joaquin, State of California, in or near the City of Ripon, and the principal place of business of said Corporation shall be at the same location, in or near the said City of Ripon;

ARTICLE IV: That the number of the first Board of Trustees of said Corporation shall be five and the names and residences of those who were appointed at a meeting heretofore held for that purpose at Ripon, California, to hold office for the first term, are as follows:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Whose residence is at:</u>
John De Jong	Ripon, California
Peter L. Van Dyken	Ripon, California
L. Beuving	Ripon, California
G. Vander Beek	Ripon, California
D. S. Baker	Ripon, California

That the number of Board of Trustees may be changed from time to time by the By-Laws of the Corporation. The length of the term of office shall be as provided for in the By-Laws. A majority of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V: That the term for which said Corporation is to exist is indefinite.

ARTICLE VI: That all persons eighteen years of age and over, who subscribe to the basic principles of this Society, as set forth in Article Second, Paragraph (1) of the Articles may become members of this corporation. To become a permanent member a person must (a) enroll a child in Ripon Christian Schools, or (b) make application to the Board of Trustees. Such applications for membership may be submitted at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees or at the annual Society meeting of the membership of the Corporation. (Rev. 3/02)

ARTICLE VII: That the Board of Trustees shall promulgate a set of By-Laws and present them to the membership for their approval. The By-Laws may be amended or repealed by the members at any regular or special meeting of the membership.

ARTICLE VIII: That these articles may be amended by a resolution of the Board of Trustees and the vote or written consent of members holding a majority of the voting power of this Corporation. The basic principles set forth in Article II subparagraph (1) shall not be changed.

ARTICLE IX: Amended by vote of the Society for Christian Instruction on February 20, 1967.

*Registered with the Secretary of State on March 2, 1967.*

"This corporation is one which does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof and is organized solely for nonprofit purposes. The property is irrevocably dedicated to charitable, religious, and scientific purposes and/or education schools of less than collegiate grade, and upon winding up and dissolution of this corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation, which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific purposes, and/or educational schools of less than collegiate grade, and which has established its tax exempt status under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If this corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such manner as may be directed by decree of the Superior Court of the County in which this corporation's principal office is located, upon petition therefore by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation."