

## **Resolution on the Education of Covenant Children**

The Reformed Presbyterian Church General Assembly repents for our part in the sins of the Church of Jesus Christ and its members in failing to provide a biblically based education for their covenant children. This Assembly herein maintains that:

**Whereas**, ecclesiastical leaders and Christian parents have willingly (often defending their actions as 'missionary endeavors'), committed the education of their children, to the public school system. However, contrary to their gross ignorance, the public school system promotes secular humanism in their educational instruction, which is contrary to biblical teaching. (Psalm 1:1-2)

**Whereas**, the Bible commands fathers (mothers) to bring up their children in the covenant and train them in the admonition of the Lord and not by the state (Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4), and

**Whereas**, the Bible teaches that Christian education begins with the fear of the Lord (Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 1:7; 9:10; 15:33) and is to be applied to every area of life (Deuteronomy 6:6-9; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Romans 12:2), and

**Whereas**, those covenant children who have attended public schools have been influenced, not to holiness of life, but rather towards anti-biblical thought, resulting in their conversion to secular humanism, in spite of those adult Christians who have sought to share their Christian faith among public school students, and

**Whereas**, the Church and Christian parents have squandered a great opportunity to instruct these children in the truth of the Scripture and its application to every area of life, faith and practice;

**Therefore**, be it resolved that the Reformed Presbyterian Church General Assembly recommend all of her churches to support and encourage their officers and communicant members to remove their children from public schools (elementary, middle, high schools, and post-secondary schools)\* and provide a thoroughly Christian education, thereby seeking God's covenant blessings for their children and families, in order to glorify God and for the good of Christ's Church.

*\*Clarifying note: traditional or non-traditional.*