

Doulos Discovery School – Statement of Faith

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Preamble

As leaders of Doulos Discovery School (Board members, teachers, and staff) we join together in affirming the following articles of the Christian faith which ground us to live out our purpose of equipping and educating servant leaders through Christian discipleship and expeditionary learning to impact the Dominican Republic.

Article I

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being given by divine inspiration, are the Word of God, and the authoritative source in all matters of faith and life.

Article II

In the Scriptures, God reveals Himself as the living and true God, creator of all things. Perfect in love and righteous in all His ways, this one God exists eternally as a Trinity: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Article III

God made man and woman in His image that He might have fellowship with us. Being estranged from God by our disobedience, we are, as sinful people, incapable of a right relationship to God apart from divine grace.

Article IV

The mediator between God and all human beings is Jesus Christ, God's eternal Son, who through a life of obedience and sacrifice, and by his death in our place, has removed our sin and reconciled us to God. Having risen bodily from the dead and ascended into heaven he rules as Lord.

Article V

The Holy Spirit, through the proclamation of the Gospel, continually calls to our life, guides us to repentance, and creates and sustains our faith so we might trust in Jesus Christ as Lord. By the same spirit we are led to trust in divine grace, believe in the forgiveness of our sins, and live as servants of Christ in the world, to the glory of God.

Article VI

God, through his word and Spirit continues to draw people into the fellowship of Christ's body. Through many forms of the Christian church God calls people into relationship with him, blesses us through the sacraments and the preaching of the Gospel, and makes disciples who seek to imitate Christ by serving God and others through acts of love and justice. God's final redeeming work will happen when Christ returns to judge the living and the dead and establish his everlasting and glorious kingdom.

By signing below, I am not only acknowledging support for the mission of the Doulos Discovery School, I am also acknowledging these as my own personal convictions.

Signature

Date

Key Scripture passages that shape the work and life of Doulos Discovery School

The example of Servanthood - Philippians 2:1-11

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The call of servanthood - Matthew 20:26-28

Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

The direction to teach and make disciples – Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

The encouragement to be ecumenical – Ephesians 4:4-7

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift.