



The LANCASTER ACADEMY
for the PERFORMING ARTS
SOLI CHRISTO GLORIAE MUSICA

Statement of Final Authority:

Please note that the Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs, but provides a minimum standard. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God, speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind. For purposes of *The Lancaster Academy for the Performing Arts'* faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Board of Directors is the Academy's final interpretive authority on the Bible's application.

Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality:

Because of the current culture's confusion on these particular issues, the Board of Directors created a separate statement to make it abundantly clear where we stand:

- We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen. 1:26-27).
- We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen. 2:18-25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4).
- We believe that any form of sexual immorality and violations of the unique roles of male and female (such as romantic relationships between persons of the same sex or between a married person and someone other than his or her spouse) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt. 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10).
- We believe God offers redemption and restoration to all sinners who will repent of their sin and seek His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11). We also believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31).

We believe that the function and integrity of *The Lancaster Academy for the Performing Arts* is preserved by providing a biblical role model to our students. To that end, it is imperative that all Academy faculty, volunteers, and all other persons employed/contracted by the Academy in any capacity, as well as at least one parent or guardian from each family acknowledge and commit to uphold the Core Beliefs as a condition of participation in the Academy (Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:14-16; 1 Thess. 5:22).