

## Faith CRC Christian School Support Program

Purpose: At Faith CRC we believe that Christ-centered education in home, school, and church is important. Therefore, Faith CRC provides congregational and covenantal financial support of these Reformed Christian day schools through offerings and general tuition support so that all our covenantal children have access to this Reformed education where the lordship of Jesus Christ is acknowledged. (Acts of Synod 2005)

**Funding:** Faith Church commits to budgeting annually for Christian School Education in the general budget at a minimum of 15% of the total tuition costs for all school aged children (K-High School). Each year the budget will be determined by taking the estimated total tuition cost for all school aged children, based on the proposed tuition amounts obtained from the surrounding Christian Schools (Pella Christian High School, Peoria Christian School and Pella Christian Grade School) and multiply this total tuition costs by 0.15 (15%) to set the budgeted amount.

**Process:**

- 1) Parents with school aged children will be informed of the program prior to registration (June) and will be allowed to opt-out (See Opt-out form), if desired.
- 2) In December/January timeframe, the deacons will make a payment directly to the school equal to approximately 10% of tuition costs for each child at Faith CRC attending a Christian School.
- 3) Remaining budgeted funds (5%) and opt-out funds will be made available to support low-income families at the deacons' discretion using the established Level 2 support process. If additional Level 2 support is desired, the appropriate form must be filled out and given to the Deacons.
- 4) At the Deacons' discretion, funds remaining at the end of April may be distributed to participating families of students attending Christian Schools, paid directly to the school in the month of May.

**Notes:**

- 1) Families may choose to opt-out of the support received, thus allowing additional support for other families.
- 2) Deacons have the option of using the remaining budgeted funds to support specific family needs.
- 3) It is the intention that all budgeted funds will be distributed to Christian School families.
- 4) Program is intended to provide general support for all families with more significant support to lower income families thus removing the financial barrier for Christian Education. However, parents still bear primary responsibility for the education of their children and are required to show some level of financial commitment towards this education.
- 5) Benevolence needs will be handled at the deacons discretion using a variety of support funds available including the school fund and church benevolent fund.

## Faith CRC CSAF “Opt-out” Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

We (I) acknowledge that Faith Christian Reformed Church desires to provide financial assistance and support to all families who send their children to Christian Day Schools so that all our covenantal children have access to this Reformed education. However, we (I) desire to “**opt-out**” of this financial support so that these funds can be used to provide additional support to other families.

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return signed “Opt-out” forms to your District Deacon or the CSAF Administrator by October 31<sup>st</sup>.**