

Subscription Statement for Visiting Faculty

Africa Reformation Theological Seminary

A. Each Visiting Faculty member will subscribe to the following:

- (1) Africa Reformation Theological Seminary's faculty subscription statement on Scripture.
- (2) The first four ecumenical creeds of the early Church, namely, the Apostles Creed, the Nicene Creed (325/381AD), the Chalcedonian Creed (451AD), and the Athanasian Creed (circa 500-600AD).
- (3) To one or more of the following historic confessions of the 16th century Reformation:
 - The Belgic Confession (1561)
 - The Heidelberg Catechism (1563)
 - The 39 Articles (1571)
 - The Canons of Dordt (1619)
 - The Westminster Confession of Faith (1647)
 - The Savoy Declaration of Faith and Order (1658)
 - The London Confession (1689)
 - The Philadelphia Confession (1742)

B. Each Visiting Faculty member will affirm in writing, each semester or academic period he or she is appointed to teach, the following:

I subscribe to the Faculty statement on Scripture that the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, are the inspired, inerrant Word of God, the only infallible, sufficient and final rule of faith and practice to which nothing is to be added at any time, whether by supposed new revelations of the Spirit or traditions of men.

I subscribe to the four ecumenical creeds and to the following Reformed creed(s)

I acknowledge that ARTS is committed to teaching covenantal and biblical theology for understanding the unfolding message of the Bible and redemption, biblical counseling and presuppositional apologetics. I will honor and not teach or advocate against these commitments.

I affirm the biblical and complementarian position of male headship and rule in the church and that the offices of ruling and teaching elder are reserved only for scripturally qualified men. I also recognize the Seminary's position that only men are to be ordained to the office of deacon. In case I take exception to the Seminary's position, that women are not be ordained to the office of deacon, I will not undermine the Seminary's position.

I recognize that Africa Reformation Theological Seminary is a graduate school of theology working in the African context with a number of presbyterian and reformed denominations from various African nations. I will respect and honor and not teach against the commitment of these churches to the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, the Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism, and the Canons of Dort, and to presbyterian church government, including the reservation of the offices of minister of the Word or teaching elder, ruling elder and deacon to scripturally qualified men (see, e.g. Presbyterian Church in Uganda BOCO 7-2, which is identical with the PCA BCO 7-2).

While I may not be personally persuaded of all the distinct doctrines of the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, the Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism, and the Canons of Dort, (e.g. the covenant, covenant theology, the setting aside of the Lord's Day, Sunday, for worship, ministry and deeds of mercy as the Christian Sabbath, the regulative principle of worship that only what Scripture prescribes is proper worship, the nature of the visible church as being impure and imperfect in this world, baptism of both adults from outside the covenant and of infants of believers born in the covenant community, the real and spiritual presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper, etc.) and of the presbyterian form of church government, while I am teaching at ARTS or representing ARTS, I agree not to teach views contrary to the confessional standards of the Seminary and presbyterian government. I will not knowingly or intentionally teach or advocate against the Books of Church Order of the conservative and orthodox presbyterian denominations with whom ARTS works and is theologically allied. I will not question, undermine, seek to correct, debate, oppose or teach against the doctrinal positions of ARTS. My role as a Visiting Faculty lecturer, with fellow lecturers, students, friends and constituents, is to accept, support and commend the doctrinal views of ARTS, while not necessarily personally subscribing to or defending every distinct position.

Signature:

Name (please print):

Date: