



Regional Newsletter

Advancing the Kingdom of God Through Christian Education

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Advancing

“From the days of John the Baptist, the kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing and forceful men lay hold of it.” Matt 11:12

The Chance to Advance

This is another year of conspicuous growth for most schools in ACSI Eastern Canada. Several new schools opened and enrollment in most other member schools increased, in a few cases, increased radically, especially in the Maritimes. That means, after years of decline and struggle, we have an opportunity to move ahead. But success or failure in any new initiative has as much to do with the “Why?” as it does with the “How?”

The “Why?” for ACSI

You may know the parable of the three bricklayers, all working on the same construction project. What is each man’s primary reason for doing his job?

Bricklayer #1: “I do my job so I can earn money to pay the bills.”

Bricklayer #2: “I’m working to support my family.”

Bricklayer #3: “I’m doing this job to build a cathedral for the glory of God!”

All three are doing the same work and all of their motives are legitimate, but the last one stands out. That’s because his first priority is much higher than the others, even though he isn’t denying the obvious need to pay bills or support a family. And that kind of primacy is likely to show up in the calibre of his workmanship and in quality of the final product.

There are a variety of motives for a Christian school organization like ACSI in doing what we do, most of which are quite legitimate. Things like:

- Meeting our financial obligations
- Growing membership
- Making member schools more successful
- Advancing the organization and its “brand”

Another might even be, ‘Making ACSI great again’ although that kind of driving force raises the question of hubristic pride.

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A Christian School Paradox?

Especially in an educational institution, shouldn’t board members be learners too—be learning how to do their job better?

ACSI works with over 25000 Christian schools serving 5 million plus students in 106 countries. For almost 40 years now, we have seen the best and worst of board policies and structures and the consequences they bring to their schools. So, although ACSI does not monopolize all wisdom on board related topics, our experience has given us some valuable insights into best practises – what works well and what does not.

Perhaps the most frustrating and discouraging part of an ACSI Regional Director’s job, is seeing school board make serious blunders that could have been avoided with a little training—and then having to watch their schools suffer the consequences.

So here are some pivotal questions:

Does your school Board:

- Have a board policy manual?
- Have a mandatory training programme for its board members, especially for new board members, that includes relevant readings?
- Have a long-range plan that includes an advancing vision and financial development?
- Attend the annual ACSI Board/Administrators

But in Eastern Canada, we've made a conscious decision **not** to make any of those things our **top** priority, choosing instead to "**Advance the Kingdom of God through Christian Education**", not the kingdom of ACSI. That's the motto we've adopted this year.

The "How?"

In the last few years here's how we've tried to do advance God's kingdom:

- Supporting a small member school in eastern Ontario in its very expensive Human Rights case. That's because the outcome had the potential to affect all provincial Christian schools as well as Christian camps, parachurch ministries and eventually churches.
- Inviting schools to participate in our ACSI/Advisors with Purpose agreement which so far has raised just under **\$7.5 million** in legacy funding for the 9 participating schools **and other Canadian Christian ministries (\$1.5 million** to those schools and **\$6 million** to other Christian works)—and your school can still become involved!
- Encouraging schools to find ways of serving local churches- **whether or not those churches are likely to reciprocate—even whether or not they like Christian schooling!** That's because our schools **are** part of the Body of Christ, the Kingdom of God here on earth, and **we intend to act like it.**
- Equipping Christian teachers, parents, homeschoolers and students with responsible, biblically sound information on issues of human sexuality, gender and the family by creating a free website: sexedresourcesforchristians.com.
- Supporting the establishment of www.whychristianschools.ca, a website that shows parents the locations and features of Christian schools across Canada—and **not just the ACSI schools.**

Of course, we'll continue to seek ways to build up our own member schools, adding to the 30 or so services we already provide. We'll keep on 'laying those bricks.' But the remarkable thing is that as we give greater attention to advancing God's kingdom overall, we advance ACSI and our member schools too.

In the final analysis, a motto should mean something. It should express in a nut shell what an organization is primarily about. That's why we adopted **Advancing the Kingdom of God Through Christian Education** as the motto for ACSI Eastern Canada. May the Lord help us keep the primary focus where it belongs. Mark

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conference in your area?

- Take advantage of ACSI's free, on-site board governance training?
- Have an annual self-evaluation process for the board?

If you're wondering about any of these things, we can help because, without strong, well trained boards, Christian schools will be less capable of dealing effectively with the challenges coming at us in the near future.

Maritime Board/Administrators' Conference: Saturday Oct 28, 2017, Moncton Christian Academy

Ontario Board/Administrators' Conference: Saturday Feb 3, 2018, Location TBA

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How to Answer Our Accusers

"Having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame." 1 Peter 3:16

As G.K. Chesterton pointed out in his short story, **The Hammer of God**, when it comes to a worldview that encourages judgmental, legalistic attitudes, it's hard to beat atheism. Maybe that's because it's a perspective that hasn't room for biblical concepts of sin, repentance, redemption and spiritual rebirth, and so has to depend on a list of externally imposed, arbitrary rules to hold society together. So it's no surprise that in North America's functionally atheistic society—especially in its Media—legalistic, condemning judgements are the popular pastimes du jour:

Evangelical Christians? = "BAD!"

People who hold traditional understandings of gender, the family and sexual abstinence? = "HATERS!"

Anyone who supports equal treatment for all instead of special rights for a few special interest groups? = "BIGOTS" or "RACISTS" or "YOU NAME IT-OPHOBES!"

Jesus warned people about the pitfalls of condemning others--pointing out specks of sawdust in someone else's eye when a board is lodged in your own. First of all, he used the image of a plank in the eye because it would block a person's ability to have a clear perspective. And he chose sawdust along with the plank for a good reason too: sawdust and planks are both made of wood - the same material. So the flaws we see most easily and point out most enthusiastically in others, are often our own shortcomings. That's how we recognize them. It's part of the natural human bent toward what scholars might label 'self-revelatory judgement' but everyone else just calls 'hypocrisy'. We shouldn't be surprised then when prominent trumpeters of tolerance and diversity only tolerate people with whom they agree, labeling everyone else as HATERS and BIGOTS while displaying their own remarkable hatred and bigotry. And groups claiming to be anti-fascist absolutely define the word 'fascism' by their

When Leaders Choose Not to Advance: The Lesson of Anzio

Hazards can accompany the kind of success many Christian schools are experiencing now. Consider the example of the World War II allied landing at Anzio.

On January 22, 1944, 36,000 American, British and Canadian forces landed successfully on the beaches of Anzio with no opposition from Italy's Nazi occupiers. A few audacious allied scouts decided to probe inland towards Rome to determine the strength and location of the enemy. To their astonishment, they drove all 69 kms to the eternal city and back without seeing any opposing forces, so they brought their report to the allied commander, assuming he would take the opportunity to advance. He chose instead to 'dig in' on the beaches because of his many 'what if' trepidations: What if the enemy is just hiding? What if this is a trap? What if supply chains fail? What if digging in is the "safe" thing to do? Because of his fears and equivocation, Nazi forces steadily re-occupied the open territory and forced one of the bloodiest battles of the entire war. Winston Churchill summed up the disaster, "I had hoped that we were hurling a wildcat onto the shore, but all we got was a stranded whale."

I get the feeling that it's not very 'nice' in Canadian evangelical circles to use real warfare examples, like the two in this newsletter, for spiritual applications. We even seem uncomfortable about mentioning the term **spiritual warfare**, although our children are too often its casualties through the false beliefs and self-destructive lifestyles promoted so effectively in our culture. I can't help wondering if sometimes we're more afraid of offending people than we are of risking the welfare of our own children.

"The future of the church and the world depends on the education of the day. The church may be seeking to evangelize non-believers and be giving up her own children to secular materialistic influences," said Andrew Murray. History is proving him right.

Jesus managed to offend quite a few people (see all the examples throughout the Gospel of John) although that clearly wasn't his goal. He came to give us life, life more abundantly, but part of that mandate meant steering us away from the things that threaten our wellbeing. Defining the specifics of those threats can be pretty offensive stuff to some people, but the potential for offense is just one of the realities of spiritual warfare, the warfare in which Christians are supposed to be engaged.

violent, totalitarian actions. And then there are the political bodies that enact anti-bullying legislation to protect youth, especially LGBTQ youth, and then bully any person or group that does not enthusiastically affirm 'alternate sexual lifestyles'.

We Christians aren't exempt from hypocrisy of course. It just that, if we've paid attention to Jesus' teachings, we might be able to recognize and restrain our own hypocritical tendencies.

But what if someone confronts us with a maliciously false, accusing questions like "Why do you hate gays?" or "Why are you intolerant about gender differences?" or "Why do you oppose a woman's right to control her own body?" How should we respond to people who throw unjust, judgmental criticism our way? Here are some answers and biblical principles that go along with them:

1. Don't be surprised, hurt or offended by hateful accusations. Attacks against Christians and Christian beliefs have been common throughout the past two millennia.
Principle: "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!" Luke 6:22
2. Don't shoot back no matter how outrageous the provocation.
Principle: "Do not repay anyone evil for evil." Romans 12:17
3. Don't go on the defensive. **Never** say "But we're not haters," or "But we're not 'you-name-it o-phobes'!" Attackers like to put believers on the defensive, so refuse to dignify a false accusation with a defensive response. Instead we need to state our Christian convictions positively and with respect, without even a hint of apology. "We believe that God loves everyone so hatred of any person is unacceptable for us. We also believe that God made his laws and life principles for our good so that, according to our understanding of Scripture, sexual intimacy of any kind ought to be reserved for a marriage relationship between one man and one woman and that gender is determined by a person's physiology."
Principle: "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect," 1 Peter 3:15
4. Don't answer quickly. Take time to think before responding—and don't give one-word answers.
Principle: "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" James 1:19
5. **Especially if the accuser is with the media, we have a right to delay our response to a time that is convenient for us or we can choose not to respond at all. The media and the public do not have a right to know!**

Throughout much of the 19th and 20th centuries, biblical

So here are a few spiritual warfare realities that relate to the Anzio debacle:

1. It's easy to rest in the safety of growth and popularity and financial stability – and to do things just about the way we've always done them – digging in. But that's not why God raised up the Christian school movement. Movements are supposed to move. The challenge, especially when we've experience a period of perceived 'success', is to **advance** spiritually and academically, maybe by learning new spiritual warfare strategies from others, maybe by taking prayerful risks. We're not called to be safe or comfortable. A C.S. Lewis character in **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**, expressed the reality of serving Christ, "Who said anything about *safe*? 'Course he isn't *safe*. But *he's* good. *He's* the King."
2. We're supposed to be taking the offensive. Jesus told Peter ".....I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matthew 12:18

If you think about that "gates of Hell" part, it raises a logical question, "How can gates prevail?" Gates are not weapons. They don't attack or advance, so how can they possibly prevail?

To begin with, the kinds of 'gates' Jesus means are clearly the false values and "hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ." (Col 2:8). These gates are quite dangerous and sometimes they seem indestructible. They viciously oppose some people and imprison others. **But they can only prevail when no one advances against them.** And that's where the church, including Christians and Christian schools, comes in. We have the responsibility to challenge the "gates" of our society, not only to debunk destructive ideas but to free people who have been entrapped by them. We need to advance with love for God and others not with hatred or violence but we can't stay put out of fear, giving into them. And in Christian schools, we have an extraordinary opportunity and mandate to move ahead. Paul states it very clearly. "We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." 2Cor 10:5.

Perhaps the most obvious gate that imprisons modern North Americans, especially our young

Christianity was respected and influential in North American society. Historically, those days were something of an anomaly. Now we need to adjust our thoughts, words, and actions to respond to the new antagonistic realities. And in doing so we are not alone.

***"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."* Matt 5:10-12**

Epilogue: Cambridge professor Stephen Hawking, an outspoken atheist, said, "Christianity is a fairy story for those afraid of the dark." Oxford professor John Lennox replied, "Atheism is a fairy story for those afraid of the **Light!**" ** (As quoted in "Nelson's Column" **This England** magazine, Autumn 2017) Mark

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Thursday, May 10, 2018 at Mississauga Christian Academy
In 2017-18 ACSI Eastern Canada Schools will study several chapters of:



Materials are available at:

www.acmequiz.com/index.php?l=product_detail&p=201635
Select the **QuizMaster License** for the **Christian and Missionary Alliance** using the **NIV Version**

The 2017-18 Handbook will be available on the ACSI website in the near future:

www.acsiec.org/Students/Activities/Bible_Quest.htm

**To memorize words
(zenzizenzenic) or
to memorize the Word**

(Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you!)

...that is the question!!

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Prayer and Little Boats

In July 2017, almost 3 years after the human rights case against one of our semi-rural member schools began, the Commission announced its decision. You may recall that the action involved a same sex couple who demanded the school change its Core Family Values based admission policy

people, is misinformation about human sexuality. Some Christian school leaders back away from this gate out of discomfort or fear or misplaced deference to parents. Thereby they let families challenge it alone. But the fact is, many of our parents won't or can't do that, so without Christian schools advancing against that gate, it prevails and children face the consequences.

Mystery author P.D. James expressed it well, "All of our brightly minted social reforms, the sexual liberation since the war, the guilt-free divorce, the ending of the stigma of illegitimacy, have had their shadowy side. Today we have a generation of children more disturbed, more unhappy, more criminal, and indeed more suicidal than in any previous era. The sexual liberation of adults has been bought at a high price and it's not the adults who have paid it." P.D. James, **Time to be in Ernest**

There are other gates that need to be challenged too, gates flying banners like: "Secular Worldview" or "North American Materialism" or "Socially Acceptable Injustice" or "False Religions" or "Political Correctness". The great news is that, according to Jesus, those gates will not stand against His church – unless of course, we in the church choose not to advance against them. And the truly horrible lesson of Anzio is that if we choose not to advance, our enemy will take the territory that should have been ours.

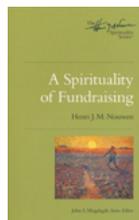
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*Taken from an article by Dr. Paul Kienel, co-founder of ACSI and written almost 40 years ago. I haven't found the specific reference source, but even if the attribution to Andrew Murray proves to be incorrect, the truth of the statement stands.

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Book Reviews with Helpful Quotes

A Spirituality of Fundraising by Henry Nouwen
Upper Room Books, 2011, Nashville

An excellent, brief booklet for people who feel uncomfortable about asking donors to support their schools!



Some quotes:

"We must not let ourselves be tricked into thinking that fundraising is only a secular activity. As a form of ministry, fundraising is as spiritual as giving a sermon, entering a time of prayer, visiting the sick or feeding the hungry."

"I ask for money standing up, not bowing down, because I believe in what I am about. I believe that I have something important to offer."

"If this confident approach and invitation are

and give them \$30 000 in damages. They also claimed that the school refused admission to their child even though they never applied. ACSI took on the responsibility of raising much of the substantial legal fees for the school's defense.

And in July we learned that the school won, we won and the Ontario evangelical community won too. So did Canadians who believe people in a pluralistic and democratic society should have the right to hold and teach diverse perspectives respectfully, instead of being forced to indoctrinate everyone with the same set of narrowly intolerant, politically defined dogmas.

Here's what you may not know:

After a brief summary hearing, where the Human Rights commissioner ruled the case needed to go to a full hearing, our lawyer advised the school to settle (i.e., pay off the complainants) rather than go through the full hearing. This suggestion was not acceptable to both the school's board and the board of ACSI Eastern Canada, so we hired a new lawyer, Albertos Polizogopoulos. Meanwhile, in a telephone conversation, a representative of the same organization that recommended our first lawyer assured me that we were bound to lose the case—thanks a lot! And, in light of recent Canadian social trends and media prejudices we were **not** confident about the Human Rights Commission's decision. Nevertheless, our new lawyer shared our conviction that **the only thing worse than losing a fight for a just cause is not to fight for it.** So, Albertos prepared a thorough, well thought out defense and he deserves a great deal of credit for the successful outcome. (And remarkably, his legal fee rates were more reasonable than those of our initial representative.)

However, those fees were a major challenge. For the summary hearing it was \$31,000. Through the generous donations of ACSI in Colorado, other schools and concerned individuals we raised that amount. But the total cost for the full hearing plus the summary hearing exceeded \$100,000. And, in Ontario Human Rights cases, there is no recourse for defendants to recoup their legal costs. Paradoxically, **all legal costs for the accusers in these cases can be paid by the government if they request it!** Thankfully, once again, donations from Christian schools, churches and hundreds of individuals covered the entire cost with some left over to help fund future cases. As well as donating, many people committed to pray diligently on the school's behalf. Students in one Christian school held a bake sale to help out. They raised over \$7000 on what they called "The Courage Bake Sale".

Epilogue:

It's natural to be distressed or at least distracted by the injustice that brought so much trouble to one little school and that incurred such punishing legal expenses.

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The whole incident accomplished something that we hadn't been able to do previously—and that I'm sure the accusers never imagined. For a little while at least, it broke down

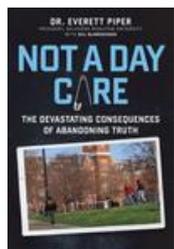
lacking, then we disconnect from our vision and have lost the direction of our mission. We also will be cut off from our donors because we will find ourselves begging for money and they will find themselves merely handing us a cheque. No real connection has been created because we have not asked them to come and be with us.”

“Those involved in big business know that you never get much money if you beg for it.”

“When we have gained the freedom to ask without fear, to love fundraising as a form of ministry, then fundraising will be good for our spiritual life.”

Not a Daycare: The Devastating Consequences of Abandoning Truth by Dr. Everett Piper Regnery Faith, 2017, Washington D.C. **(We believe this book should be a ‘must read’ for Christian school principals as well as for Christian parents.)**

As President of Oklahoma Wesleyan University, the author had to respond to one of his students who felt “victimized” by a university chapel sermon about the love chapter, 1



Corinthians 13. “It appears this young scholar felt offended because a homily on love made him feel bad for not showing love. In his mind, the speaker was wrong for making him and his peers feel

uncomfortable.” The book has four emphases:

- a response to that particular student
- a very disturbing, well documented exposé on the destructive new emphases in many university campuses (not just an American problem as shown in the 2017 Canadian Campus Freedom Index report from The Justice Centre for Constitutional Reforms.)
- a well thought out case for Christian education at all levels
- a ‘wake-up call’ for modern Christian parents

Some quotes:

“Ironically, although Christian and other private schools are often accused of placing children in a bubble, it is the secularists today who insist we all join them in their own fantasy land; an Orwellian bubble, where men can be women, sex has no consequences, and words like truth, goodness and justice can mean whatever they want them to mean.”

“Education – good, liberal” (according to the true meaning of the word liberal) “education is the business of pursuing truth. It is about the exceptional and not just the common. It is about character and not just a career. It is about integrity and not just information. It is about morality and not just mathematics. It is about

some of the walls of our evangelical kingdoms in Ontario—the ones that so easily separate us into our own private enclaves of denominational or missional focus—and it brought us together in a common cause. And our victory wasn’t the result of political influence or conspicuous wealth or manipulative media.

Like ‘The Miracle of Dunkirk,’ it was a matter of God’s response to ‘prayer and little boats.’ You may have seen the movie **Dunkirk**. It tells about the events of May 1940, when almost 400 000 ill equipped and poorly trained British and French soldiers were trapped on the beaches of that French city and faced total, cataclysmic defeat. They were a bit like children from many Canadian Christian families today—tragically unprepared for the unrelenting assaults on scriptural values inflicted upon them by our society, the media and secular education. In England back then there were too few British navy vessels to rescue those soldiers, so King George declared a national day of prayer for their deliverance. That’s where the little boats came in. Owners of hundreds of pleasure crafts, barges and fishing boats made the perilous crossing of the English Channel and rescued more than 320 000 men. And for reasons that are inexplicable to secular minds, the English Channel became unusually calm during those days so that even less sea worthy vessels could cross to France. On top of that, a mist limited the effectiveness of the enemy warplanes in their bombing runs. We in Christian schooling are a bit like the crews of those little boats. Our hope is in God’s response to prayer and the encouraging support of many faithful people—like the folk who stood beside a little Christian school in Eastern Ontario that refused to give in to an attack on its values. To God be the glory.

What We Need to Learn From this Case

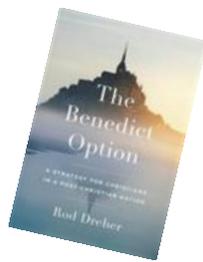
1. **The Statement of Core Family Values:** If your school does not have a Statement of Core Family Values or something very similar in its parents’ documents you are an open, defenseless target for human rights complaints concerning your teachings on human sexuality and the biblical understanding of marriage and the family! ***And because our ACSI office recommends this Statement, we will help support any member school that faces Human Rights complaints or other legal actions concerning Core Family Values related matters. That is because we stand behind what we recommend. Although member schools are not compelled to adopt the recommended Statement of Core Family Values, ACSI will not provide financial support in related legal cases to schools that choose not to have this or a similar statement in their school’s parental literature.***
2. **The OHRC Decision Affirmed the Rights of Confessional Christian Schools to teach what they believe, not of Missional Christian Schools:** Confessional Christian schools require that **all** families agree with the school’s Statement of Faith and Statement of Core Family Values. These schools meet the 3 standard the OHRC uses to determine if Section 18 of the Ontario Human Rights Code applies to them. The 3 standards are:

teaching truth and not teaching to a text.”

“Many pastors bought into the progressive lie that education was best left to government schools and the church should only concern itself with the “spiritual growth” of its parishioners. When it came to educating our kids, God was out and government was in. With very little protest, a country that still defined itself as a “Christian nation” ceded the responsibility of educating an entire generation to a secular system that was, and is, antithetical to Christian values.”

The Benedict Option: A Strategy for Christians in a Post Christian Nation by Rod Dreher, Penguin Random House, 2017, New York

Although this book addresses the United States specifically it deals with issues and solutions that include all of modern western culture. The author is a member of the Orthodox Church, most of his perspectives are relevant for anyone who trusts the principles of Scripture. He’s a great supporter of Christian schooling especially the Classical Christian school model. In reading this book there’s a need for us to philosophically “chew on the meat and spit out the bones” but when we think beyond our usual paradigms we may develop better understandings of God’s principles. I like what he says in his dust jacket comments:



“Benedict Option Christian must learn the art of resistance with faith and creativity. They draw on tried and true Christian traditions and practices to strengthen their families and communities, revitalize local churches, create new schools, build support networks and cultivate hospitality..... As in the early church, they embrace a limited withdrawal from the world so they can more effectively show the love of God to it.”

Other quotes:

“The ground is moving quickly and decisively under our feet. It’s time for Christians to recognize the danger and begin creating a Christian academic counterculture.”

“Christians today are experiencing birth pangs of that future church – and it can be frightening. Even as old certainties are collapsing, new opportunities are emerging. Those who try holding on to pedagogical forms – public, private and parochial – that can no longer shape the hearts and minds of the next generations in an authentic Christian way, risk damaging their kids by leaving them morally and spiritually unprepared.”

- a) Is the school a legitimately religious institution (no problem here for ACSI member schools)
- b) Is the school “**primarily** (our emphasis) engaged in serving the interests of persons identified by a prohibited ground?” (i.e. Statement of Faith and Statement of Core Family Values) -not a completely insoluble problem for non-confessional (i.e., missional) schools but **one that must be addresses!**
- c) Is membership or participation in the organization restricted to those who identified by that prohibited ground? Here is the real problem for missional schools!

As I hope you can see, **missional Christian schools—that is, schools that enroll students from families that do not agree with the school’s Statement of Faith and Statement of Core Family Values, need further legally defensible statements in their parental documents!**

IMPORTANT: ACSI Has hired Albertos Polizogopoulos to help us draft legally defensible statements for the parent handbooks of “missional” member schools. These statements will not be fool proof—any public statement of policy can be challenged in court or at the OHRC—but they should offer a degree of legal protection. Here again, member schools do not have to use these statements.

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Why not join us for our third annual Ontario One-Act Play Drama Festival.

It’s a lot of fun!

Stouffville Christian School

Thursday, November 16 at

9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For details on how to register and prepare go to

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ACSI/CTC Scholarship Winner for 2016-2017

Congratulations to **Louise Cooke of North Toronto Christian School** for winning the \$1000 scholarship. Lauren is enrolled at Capernway Bible School in England.

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Quotes

“We dig a well but heaven fills it with rain. May our readers have showers of blessing, and may the wells they have dug be filled with water!” Charles Spurgeon

“In a battle....it is essential to know that engaging the enemy

Under Siege: Religious Freedom and the Church in Canada at 150 by Don Hutchison

Ontario member school leaders may remember that Don was the head of the EFC's legal department and that he spoke at last year's Ontario Board/ Administrators Conference. His book just came in the mail a few days ago so I haven't had a chance to read it. Look for my review and quotes in the December newsletter.

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will necessitate taking fire. Succeeding will also require a strategy of offense and the knowledge that barricading oneself in with the hope of outlasting the other side is a poor technique. It's the last line of defense, not driven by faith or hope, but by fear." Don Hutchison, Under Siege: Religious Freedom and the Church in Canada at 150, Word Alive Press, 2017, Winnipeg.

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