

Roberts Wesleyan College is privileged and blessed to have on its Board of Trustees, faculty, and staff persons whose very lives embody the Mission Statement (and other supporting documents) of the College. The trustees and employees of the College, through their devoted work, have pledged their energies and resources to upholding and furthering the spirit and content of the statement, which clearly places the College within the Christian tradition. In that context, trustees, faculty, and staff are expected to serve as role models for the students within the College community--role models whose Christian lifestyles are characterized by the positive virtues of honesty, integrity, justice, and caring. Trustees, faculty, and staff, as members of Christ's kingdom, and as members of the College community, seek to integrate their identity as active Christians into every aspect of their professional and personal lives. Therefore, our ethos is primarily one that concerns itself with positive virtue, and with the joy and love that naturally lead to, and that are results of, an engaged, committed life of service to God and others.

It is also true that the College places itself within that tradition of orthodox Christianity that believes, among other things, that the following do not represent the biblical ideal: the use of alcoholic beverages and tobacco and the misuse of drugs; and certain behaviors related to sexuality, including sexual harassment, the viewing of pornography, and sexual activity outside of marriage, which is defined in our creed as a relationship between one man and one woman. Therefore, the College expects that all trustees, faculty, and staff will respect the right of the College to consider such activities unacceptable in the modeling context of the Christian college and thus will conduct themselves in such a manner that their behavior will not undermine the College's position.

It should be clear that the emphasis at Roberts Wesleyan College is not on what cannot be done, but rather on what can be done to help our students learn and grow spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually in the context of a deeply committed Christian environment. Our goal is not to concentrate on the negative, but to highlight and proactively encourage the positive, organic, and holistic ways in which devoted Christian trustees, faculty, and staff, active in their churches and in the development of their own spiritual lives, can naturally and lovingly help students become agents for positive change as they serve God and society, in order that they might bring honor to Christ in our world.