聖学院教育憲章

聖学院は間もなく創立百周年を迎えます。アメリカのミッショナリたちによる献身的奉仕を継承し、第二次大戦中は迫害をも耐え抜いて「神を仰ぎ人に仕う」精神を貫き、今日では幼稚園から大学・大学院、そしてアメリカに聖学院アトランタ国際学校をもつまでに至りました。

1945年の敗戦を機に「日本国憲法」と「教育基本法」が制定公布され、「人類の多年にわたる自由獲得の努力の成果」(憲法97条)の恩恵を日本国民も享受するに至りました。聖学院は、この二つの根本規範が奇しくもキリスト教を基盤とする学院本来の教育目標と合致することを見いだし、その理想を実現することをもって学院の教育的使命としてきました。それは、「平和を維持し、専制と隷従、圧迫と偏狭を地上から永遠に除去しようと努めている国際社会において、名誉ある地位を占めたい」という国民的願望を教育によって達成するためです。

21世紀に入り、国の内外を問わず多くの深刻な問題が発生する中で、教育の重要性はますます広く深く認識されてきました。この時わが国と人類の将来にかかわる教育の方向を誤ってはなりません。聖学院は過去百年の間守り続けてきた教育の基本精神を明らかにし、同時に現代の諸問題と取り組んで、いかによき未来を開拓すべきかを、過去三ヵ年に及ぶ聖学院教育会議で検討してまいりました。いまここにその成果をまとめ、聖学院教育憲章として宣言いたします。

[聖学院教育の根本目的]

聖学院は、日本国憲法(1946年制定)と教育基本法(1947年制定)に示された理想の実現を図り、将来の日本および国際社会に貢献する人間を育成することを教育の根本目的とします。

[聖学院教育の理念]

聖学院は、一人ひとりが神からかけがえのない賜物を与えられているという確信に基づき、それぞれの固有な賜物を発見することを助け、個人の人格の完成へ導く教育をします。聖学院教育はナンバーワン教育ではなく、オンリーワン教育であり、そしてそれはオンリーワン・フォー・アザーズ(他者のために生きる個人)の教育です。

[聖学院教職員の自己革新]

聖学院教職員は、「仕えられるためではなく、仕えるためにきた」と言われたキリストの模範にしたがい、 人々に最も良く仕える者こそが社会を導いていくとの確信のもとに、サーヴァント・リーダーシップをもっ て責任を果たすため自己革新に努めます。

以上ここに宣言いたします。

2002年11月14日 聖学院教育会議

Seigakuin Declaration on Education

Seigakuin University and Schools will soon celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding. Carrying on in the tradition of dedicated service exemplified by the early American missionaries, Seigakuin has always been faithful to the school motto, "Love God and Serve His People," even while enduring persecution during the Second World War. Today, Seigakuin consists of schools from kindergarten through university and graduate school, as well as Seigakuin Atlanta International School.

In the wake of Japan's defeat in World War II, the Japanese Constitution and the Fundamental Law of Education were enacted and promulgated, and the Japanese people came to share the fruits of the age-old struggle of man to be free (Article 97 of the Japanese Constitution). Seigakuin has been aware that the basic norms and standards expressed in these two laws are coincidentally in accordance with the ultimate goal of Seigakuin's education, which is based on Christianity. Seigakuin's educational mission is to achieve such goals, realizing the national desire to occupy an honored place in an international society, striving for the preservation of peace, and the banishment of tyranny and slavery, oppression and intolerance for all time from the earth (Preamble to the Japanese Constitution).

Since the beginning of the 21st century, many serious domestic and global problems have emerged, and the importance of education is now universally understood by the people of the world. At such a time, Seigakuin must not err in regard to education, which is so closely related to the future of Japan. Seigakuin wishes to clarify the basic spirit of its educational policy, which it has cherished for nearly one hundred years. At the same time, Seigakuin will endeavor to deal with the problems of contemporary society. Toward this end, it will initiate action plans for the future, which have come out of discussions and deliberations during the three years of the Seigakuin Conferences on Education. We hereby adopt the following declaration:

(Seigakuin's Fundamental Goal of Education)

Seigakuin endeavors to realize the ideal defined by the Constitution (1946) and the Fundamental Law of Education (1974). The fundamental goal of its education is to nurture men and women who will contribute to the future of Japan and the international community.

(Seigakuin's Educational Principle)

Based on the conviction that each individual is given unique gifts by God, Seigakuin will provide education that assists in the development and maturation of individual personality by building on the talents given to each person. Seigakuin's educational principle is not defined as education with the goal of an individual becoming number one, but education with the goal of becoming one who lives for others. Development of individual personality necessitates a new human community created through education that helps a person become one fully dedicated to others.

(Personal Renewal)

The faculty and staff at Seigakuin will consistently strive to be renewed, accepting educational responsibility in the sprit of Servant Leadership as shown by Jesus Christ, who said He Himself did not come to be served, but to serve.

We hereby adopt this declaration.

November 14, 2002 The Seigakuin Conference on Education