
Adventist Beliefs

Policy Number:

Responsibility:

A COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS

A set of policies for the College provides a ready reference to help create a smooth working relationship among students, faculty and administration. It is important, in interpreting and following these policies, to have a sense of the spirit which undergirds each one.

In a philosophical, theological sense these policies affirm the Kettering College's sense of destiny to act its part in God's ongoing plan for healing and restoring human beings to live with Him in wholeness, both here and in eternity.

The following statements summarize the essential spirit which are reflected in these policies:

- **Human beings were created by God** in His image for the purpose of growing in the knowledge and love of God and, in turn, sharing that love and knowledge with others.
- God designed that we live in **relationship with Him** and with each other. Separated from God, individuals violate basic laws of life and experience guilt and alienation.
- **Healing and restoration** of human beings happens by the initiative and calling of God, offering reconciliation and wholeness through faith in the life and death of Jesus Christ. The work of restoring healthy bodies and minds embraces the spiritual, psychosocial and physical dimensions of humankind.
- The **ongoing restoration** of human beings to the image of God in wholeness takes place under the influence of the Holy Spirit in individuals and within the communities in which they work.

- Each doctrine of the Seventh-day Adventist Church contributes to an understanding and experience of the wholeness described in Scripture. In particular, the **Sabbath** teaching describes this day as:
 - symbol and experience of healing and re-creation,
 - a sign of commitment to the everlasting covenant of peace,
 - a response of allegiance to Christ and His sovereignty (Lordship) and,
 - A foretaste of eternal rest and wholeness.
- Sabbath time with God and with others is considered to be sacred and quintessential in the life of the College community. It is granted that there are differences in a large faculty representing many values and beliefs, and these will and must be honored. It is requested, however, that those employed by the College respect its Sabbath and other beliefs and lifestyle practices as integral in fulfilling its stated mission and goals.
- Faculty, staff and administrators sense a special privilege and responsibility to serve the College as **exemplary role models** for students and an academic and spiritual strength to each other, living those qualities of moral integrity, compassion, equanimity, generosity, and commitment which characterized the ministry of Christ when on earth.
- Life together, under Christ, creates a caring environment and atmosphere for promoting growth toward wholeness in all its various aspects, and for furthering the healing and teaching ministry of Christ.

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