Why RENEWANATION?
WHO ARE WE? RENEWANATION is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to the vision of offering every child a Christian worldview. We believe that the real battle of worldviews is taking place in K-12 classrooms across America as young minds are predominately shaped by the influences of the classroom. To this end, RENEWANATION works with families, churches and schools to promote instruction that leads to a Christian worldview.

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“The Philosophy of the classroom in this generation will be the philosophy of politics, government and life in the next.” *Abraham Lincoln*

America is in crisis. Our government is at an all-time high in terms of size and intervention. Our economy is out of control. Our courts are increasingly overriding the will of the people. Our jails are full, and new ones can’t be built fast enough. Our media is filled with violence, profanity, and sexual content. Our marriages and families are falling apart. Our educational system is failing. Far too many of our churches are not making a difference in our decaying society. The scripture has proven to be true, “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.”

It’s time for Americans to come together and renew our nation!

We believe there are core issues critical to long term, positive change in America. If we want change, we must first look back and discover what attitudes and actions have put us where we are today. Then bold steps have to be taken to correct those attitudes and actions.

A study of America’s early history tells of a people driven by the moral conviction of their Christian faith. Pilgrims risked all to get to the New World so that they could worship God in freedom. Many settlers took their Bibles, their guns and their families as they searched for new lands of opportunity. Ministers boldly led their congregations in understanding that any society which separated itself from the truths of scripture would soon see tyranny and social and moral decline. Circuit-riding preachers crisscrossed the fledgling nation calling people to repentance, faith and freedom. For over a century, school textbooks were the Bible and the New England Primer (a Christian catechism), and God blessed this nation!

*America today is far from the America just described.* How did it change?

It changed as secular ideas replaced Christian teaching. A biblical concept of God was slowly removed from society until all we had left was the emptiness of secularism. This change was largely orchestrated in classrooms across America, and it continues today.

*The bold step needed to bring positive change to America is to once again enter the arena of education and offer every child a Christian worldview!* That’s RENEWANATION.
America is rapidly becoming more and more secular as opposed to Christian. Why?

Almost 50 million children a day (K-12) are being indoctrinated in government schools with secular philosophy that teaches God does not exist or at best that He is irrelevant to life. We currently have between 4-6 million children (K-12) in Christian schools or Christian home schools in America. This means that approximately 90% of the children in America are being trained to think from the perspective of a godless worldview. Is it any wonder that America finds herself in such a desperate moral condition?

Almost all public education textbooks are written from a secular humanistic, naturalistic philosophy. Secularism is presented as the only accurate worldview supported by science, when in reality, it is essentially a religious philosophy that cannot be proven scientifically. Yet, the study of modern psychology, biology and social science hinges on acceptance or rejection of secular thought.

Secular Humanism suggests that:

- God does not exist so there is no need to consider Him.
- We are all here through pure chance.
- If there is any hope to be found, it will be found within science.
- There is no God who loves us or created us.
- Religion is for the weak and ignorant.
- Religion and science are opposed to each other.
- Science is based on fact while religion is based on fear, faith and ignorance.
- Morality is relative. What is wrong for you may not be wrong for me.
- There is no absolute standard of right and wrong since there is no absolute lawgiver.
- The Bible is full of errors and completely untrustworthy.

"If the time ever comes when we shall go to pieces, it will . . . be . . . from inward corruption - from the disregard of right principles . . . from losing sight of the fact that “Righteousness exalteth a nation, but that sin is a reproach to any people.” [Proverbs 14:34] Francis Grimke
The college atmosphere becomes even more aggressively anti-Christian.

“...It has been the error of the schools to teach astronomy, and all the other sciences, and subjects of natural philosophy, as accomplishments only; whereas they should be taught theologically, or with reference to the Being who is the author of them: for all the principles of science are of divine origin. Man cannot make, or invent, or contrive principles: he can only discover them; and he ought to look through the discovery to the Author.”

*Thomas Paine*

The late secular Professor of Philosophy, Richard Rorty, said: “Parents who send their children to college should recognize that as professors we are going to go right on trying to discredit you in the eyes of your children, trying to strip your fundamentalist religious community of dignity, trying to make your views seem silly rather than discussable.”

After 13-15 years of hearing the same secular message, many young people lose the ability to believe in the faith of their childhood. Some studies have suggested that as high as 80% of Christian young people who attend a secular college abandon their Christian faith for all practical purposes by the time they graduate.

In England, where Secularism has prevailed, 97% of the population no longer attends church. America is rapidly following in England’s footsteps and unless the foundational philosophies of our current educational system are reversed, it is not a question of “if” - it’s only a question of “when” America will become a completely secular nation.
Everyone has a worldview, whether they realize it or not.

Our worldview is the set of presuppositions and beliefs that we use to interpret and form opinions and values concerning life, humanity, family, authority, justice, truth, duty, etc. Our worldview is the “big picture” and culmination of all our beliefs. It is the way we understand reality. It is the basis from which we make daily decisions.

If we take a close look at any worldview, we will find that it consists of underlying beliefs (or assumptions) in five key areas that make up one’s big picture of “reality.” It is relatively easy to grasp someone’s worldview (including your own) by considering answers to questions in the following five areas:

1. **God** - Is there a personal, transcendent Supreme Being to whom we are all accountable? If so, what is this God like? If not, then what? etc.

2. **Creation** - Where did the world come from? What sustains it all? Is there a spiritual part of reality, or is it all material? etc.

3. **Humanity** - Who are we? What gives us any unique value? etc.

4. **Moral Order** - Who makes the rules? Do some rules apply to everyone? etc.

5. **Purpose** - Why do we exist? Is there a reason for the world we live in? etc.

The Christian worldview, as shaped by the Bible, provides unique answers to the types of questions given above. These answers, in turn, have provided a solid foundation for unique attitudes and actions that have shaped history in ways no other worldview has been able to do, or ever can do.

*This is why worldview matters.*
**What is Secular Humanism?**

Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary defines Secular Humanism as a humanistic philosophy viewed as a nontheistic religion antagonistic to traditional religion.

Secular Humanism is a naturalistic philosophy that embraces the belief that nature and the cosmos is all there is and knowledge is obtained through observation using the scientific method. Naturalism is a belief that the world can be understood in scientific terms without spiritual or supernatural explanations. Science is the god and savior of Naturalism. This doctrine completely rejects the Christian belief that there is a God that created and watches over this world. Carl Sagan, Naturalism’s late spokesman, said, “The cosmos is all that is or ever was or ever will be.”

As stated on the Council for Secular Humanist website, secular humanists see themselves as undesigned, unintended beings who arose through evolution, possessing unique attributes of self-awareness and moral agency.

The Humanist Manifesto II, published in 1973 by the American Humanist Association states, “No deity will save us; we must save ourselves.”

Secular Humanism encourages humans to develop their own values and craft their own ethical systems based upon observation.

A few effects of the philosophy of Secular Humanism and Naturalism:

* Secular Humanism’s connection to evolution has eroded the value of human life while elevating the value of animal life. An example is Hollywood’s preoccupation with the planet and animal life, but little or no regard for the life of a baby in the womb or the elderly.

* In April of 2008, the Swiss Parliament passed new laws requiring dog owners to complete a canine treatment course, anglers must take classes on humane fishing, and goldfish may no longer be flushed down the toilet. The Swiss government’s ethics committee is also considering “plant dignity” rights to protect plants. *This same country has a constitutional right to assisted suicide for the mentally ill.*

* After 12 years of indoctrination in Secular Humanism and Naturalistic philosophy, many kids who grow up in the church abandon their faith. The smartest people they have ever known (teachers) have mostly taught them to believe that Naturalism is true. And, if Naturalism is true, the Bible cannot be true. So, if the Bible is not true, then those who follow it are naive, even ignorant.

“The battle for humankind’s future must be waged and won in the public school classroom by teachers who correctly perceive their role as the proselytizers of a new faith: a religion of humanity . . .” *John J. Dunphy, in his essay The Humanist (1983)*
Which worldview is your child learning?
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<th>Christian</th>
<th>Secular Humanism</th>
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<td>God exists. God is the center of all things.</td>
<td>God does not exist. Man is the center of all things.</td>
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<td>God created the world and all that is in it. One cannot fully understand</td>
<td>The universe and life came into existence through random chance. There is no</td>
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<td>the created without some understanding of the Creator.</td>
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<td>God created mankind in His image. Every person has intrinsic value</td>
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<td>Man will not be held accountable by a higher power at the end of life.</td>
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<td>God loves every person and cares deeply for humanity.</td>
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<td>Man is responsible and will be accountable for himself and his</td>
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<td>before God and receive its just reward.</td>
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*Humanist, Charles F. Potter*
Our mission is to secure a bright future for America and the world by instilling a Christian worldview in the hearts and minds of children.

Our primary focus is to help children receive a full-time weekday Christian education. We are committed to strengthening and building Christian schools so that they can offer a high quality, Christian education to every child whose parents choose this alternative to secular education.

Our secondary focus is to work with individuals and organizations whose calling is to provide Christian worldview training to children who are unable to attend Christian schools.

When millions of children in America and perhaps around the world are afforded Christian education, the founding principles and values that made America great will be rewoven into the fabric of society. The end result will be a nation renewed!

“All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth.”

Aristotle
Benefits of Giving Children a Christian Worldview

- Most will have a respect for the Judeo-Christian value system. This respect and value system will show up in the workplace, the voting booth, entertainment, and in every other area of life.

- Their Christian values will affect their work ethic and beliefs, making them great employees or employers as well as community and national leaders.

- Because Christian values affect all areas of life, there will be less crime and societal dysfunction. We will see an increase in successful marriages and happy, contented children.

- When children are given a thoroughly Christian worldview, Christian parents have very little chance of waking up and hearing their kids say, “I don’t believe in the Bible or your God.”

- A majority will become genuine believers in Christ and many will choose a career of full-time Christian service.

- They will become active agents of salt and light in our decaying, darkened culture.

“To educate a person in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society.”
 President Theodore Roosevelt

We are committed to producing generations of new leaders who possess a thoroughly Christian worldview; people of Christian character who are educated, thoughtful, articulate, honest, productive, service-oriented young citizens.
To build Christian School Systems all across America in which tuition costs never prevent a child from attending.

To help us accomplish this plan, we are implementing Seven Pillars of Development.

I. Individual Supporters

God is raising up an army of men and women who believe in the vision of RENEWANATION. These men and women are giving their wealth, wisdom and work because they believe that the real hope for America lies in training the next generation with a Christian worldview.

II. Informed & Committed Parents

Parents are the primary guardians of their children (Proverbs 22:6). As more parents better understand the worldview battle that is taking place in our schools and commit to providing their children with a Christian worldview education, we will move closer to fulfilling the mission of RENEWANATION. Long before Christian schools are tuition free, parents can place millions of new students in Christian schools or Christian home schools.

III. Affiliate Schools

Schools across America are becoming RENEWANATION affiliates. These schools are committed to promoting a Biblical worldview in their students and community. It is our goal to help these schools maximize their potential, whether they be strong established schools or new start-ups. Affiliate schools, at no cost to them, receive all the benefits of being connected to RENEWANATION.

IV. Churches

The local church is central to our vision. Christian schools are an extension of the evangelism and discipleship efforts of the Church. We are eager to help local churches better understand the need for and power of weekday Christian education. As groups of local churches unite their support - volunteer, student and financial - towards a specific school, the benefits to that school will be significant.
“Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn out its seven pillars.” Proverbs 9:1

Developing these pillars will establish a firm foundation for building Christian school systems across America where every child, regardless of income, can attend. As more individual supporters, parents, churches, businesses, Christian colleges and universities and legislators see the great value of K-12 Christian education, the vision of RENEW ANATION will become a reality in one city after another and a true revolution in education will take place. As this happens, America will be impacted in a powerful and transformational way.

Join in this mission and help us methodically reclaim the lost heritage of our great and once Christian nation.

V. Businesses

If tuition is no longer going to be a barrier, Christian businesses will need to get behind the Christian schools in their community. Like churches, businesses can be a great source of revenue for local schools. They can also be centers to mentor and help in the development of student character and work skills. RENEWANATION will work with affiliate schools and their communities to develop strategic business relationships.

VI. Christian Colleges & Universities

RENEWANATION is developing partnerships with Christian colleges and universities in order to serve our affiliates. Some amazing scholarships have been offered and all affiliate graduates are eligible to apply for these scholarships. Beyond the scholarships, we are developing other strategic partnerships with Christian colleges and universities that will greatly benefit everyone in our network.

VII. Legislation

We encourage legislation that is pro-family and pro-school choice. One area of focus is tax credits for tuition to private schools. This focus is finding support in many states, and we believe that it will only continue to grow in the future. States stretch their budget dollars and increase the quality of education when they provide pro-school choice initiatives.

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RENEWATION Affiliates will:

• throw our leadership, passion and vision behind affiliate schools
• provide experts to evaluate affiliate schools as is necessary
• help affiliate schools develop fund-raising and marketing plans
• help to raise community awareness of affiliate schools
• help affiliate schools to think outside the box and think big
• help affiliate schools offset the national trend of shrinking Christian Schools
• build and motivate affiliate schools’ constituent base
• offer opportunities to receive Christian college scholarships
• help affiliate schools find new sources of revenue
• help affiliate schools find teachers, administrators and other staff as is necessary
• give affiliate schools broader community and national recognition

RENEWATION is committed to helping affiliate schools impact the children of their community. In addition to promoting quality education, a primary emphasis will be placed on assessment and integration of a Biblical worldview in order to affect the culture of the school and life of the student.
The following doctrinal statement is the basic spiritual foundation for RENEWANATION.

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.

- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

- We believe in the divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

- We believe that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for the salvation of lost and sinful man.

- We believe that all humanity is born under the curse of sin and can only be saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the unsaved: the saved unto the resurrection of life and the unsaved unto the resurrection of damnation.

- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

- We believe in the Genesis account of Creation.

“What students would learn in American schools above all is the religion of Jesus Christ.”
George Washington
To offer every child a Christian worldview.