



INTRODUCING

DR. KEITH CURLEE

HEAD OF SCHOOL





A MESSAGE FROM **DR. CURLEE**

Dear ELCA and ELFBC community:

Greetings from North Carolina!! My wife, Page, and I are excited and humbled to be a part of the ELCA community as your new head of school beginning in July 2024. Throughout my tenure as head of school at High Point Christian Academy in North Carolina, I have always admired from afar the work that ELCA has accomplished. ELCA is known throughout the southeast as a Christ-centered, Kingdom-focused, gospel-centered school with high academics, outstanding fine arts, and competitive athletics. I look forward to working with the faculty/staff and board to build on those successes, partnering with parents and the community to foster unity in Christ, and most importantly in helping lead students to Jesus.

Throughout the interview process with Pastor Trea and the others in the church and the school community I have already had the pleasure of getting to know, I have been impressed. I am impressed with the humility of your leaders and the desire they have to see people come to know who Jesus really is. It is obvious that God is at work in both the church and the school. And we are both honored and eager to join in that work.

My hope is to be able to meet each one of you sometime soon. I plan to be in McDonough occasionally in the spring leading up to our move in the summer of 2024. We look forward to sharing how God has moved in our lives to bring us to ELCA and ELFBC. It has been continually confirmed to us that we have been led to your community. We look forward to doing life with you as we serve God together.

May God bless each one of you. See you soon.

Blessings!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Curlee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Keith Curlee (and Page)



GET TO KNOW DR. CURLEE



MY FAMILY

My wife, Page, and I have been married for 33 years. We have four children:

- Dr. Milly Curlee (daughter, age 28) and fiancé, Brian Gutierrez live in the DC area
- Wade Curlee (son, age 26) and his wife, Mary Gates live in Raleigh, NC area
- Hunter Curlee (son, age 23) and his wife, Deidre live in Indonesia
- Levi Curlee (son, age 21), college junior at NC State in Raleigh, NC



EXPERIENCE

- 10 years of public school experience as a math teacher, coach, and administrator
- 7 years of experience as an educator in Taiwan at Morrison Academy (IMB missionary)
- 18 years at High Point Christian Academy, with the last 10 years as the HOS



EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Science in Math Education from NC State University (1988)
- Masters of Science in Educational Administration and Supervision from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (1997)
- Doctor of Education in Christian School Leadership from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (2018)



ENDORSEMENTS FOR **DR. CURLEE**



**CALVARY
DAY SCHOOL**

“Keith and I have been close friends and partners in Christian school ministry for over 25 years! Keith left a promising career in public school administration to join me in leadership at High Point Christian Academy in

1999. When I left HPCA to lead my current school, Keith stepped into the Head of School role and used his gifts and talents to further grow the school and accomplish great things for the Kingdom. Keith and his wife, Page, live Gospel-focused lives, and they develop meaningful relationships with others with the goal of pointing them to Christ. Keith is especially effective in the school setting where he leads with passion, clear vision, and a commitment to excellence. He is highly respected in his school, his church, and his community. You are greatly blessed to have the Curlees, and I am excited about ELCA’s future under Keith’s leadership!”

Mr. Richard Hardee

Head of School at Calvary Day School



“Joshua 1:9, “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Keith is a strong and courageous leader.

He is willing to wrestle with hard topics and conversations to ensure that all students can flourish and have a sense of belonging. Keith’s leadership is displayed through his commitment to leading with truth and love and his steadfast devotion to God’s Word. Lastly, Keith can be characterized by his pastoral heart and love for others. He is known by his faculty and staff and beloved by those entrusted in his care. It’s been a joy to work with him on creating communities of belonging, Kingdom unity and flourishing for all.”

Tia Gaines,

Executive Director of UnifiEd, a Center for Hope and Unity and an ACSI Board member



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GREENSBORO DAY SCHOOL

"ELCA, you are truly blessed to have Dr. Keith Curlee as your new Head of School! Keith and I have known each other for more than 10 years in various capacities, and I have come to know him as a great friend. Under Keith's godly leadership I have been a parent, a board member, and an employee, and he has consistently pointed me and my family towards Jesus. I have witnessed first hand his love for others, his care and compassion, and his willingness to learn. He has an ability to truly connect with those around him and a gift for teaching, both in the classroom and from the pulpit. You are blessed because Keith will lead your students, your families, and your school with vision and clarity, and always towards Jesus."

Mr. Jeff Bradsher

*Chief Belonging Officer at Greensboro Day School
and former Student Life Director at High Point Christian Academy*



"The Lord was gracious to give me 22 years of service at ELCA. I consider it my home and I sincerely love the people of that community. As they began to prayerfully search for their next leader, the first name that came to my mind was

Keith. He is a proven leader in the North Carolina Christian school community who understands the process of Kingdom Education and possesses the passion needed to lead an organization like ELCA. His extensive experience both on the mission field and in the states, has given him a mature, godly presence that will have an immediate effect on the culture of ELCA. I am excited to think about the days ahead under his leadership and I am confident that God will use him to continue building the BEST Christian school on the Southside of Atlanta!"

Mr. Chuck Gilliam

Senior Director of the Eastern Division of ACSI and former Head of School at ELCA



