

HEARTLAND HOME SCHOOLERS, INC.

I.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe the Bible to be the only inerrant, 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 deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, His miracles, in His vicarious and 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 for the salvation of lost and sinful men, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary.

We believe that salvation is by grace through faith alone.

We believe that faith without works is dead.

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 lost: they that are saved to the resurrection of life and they that are lost to the resurrection of damnation.

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

II.

STATEMENT OF POSITION

Family. We believe the family is the basic social, and spiritual unit created by God. In it the child gradually learns social relationships, and develops a relationship to the Creator and Savior.

We understand God's structure for the family to mean a man and woman, married to each other for life, and as God determines, one or more children. We do recognize the exception of the single parent.

Parental Rights and Responsibility in Education. We believe the ultimate responsibility for the education of children belongs to parents.

Nature of Education. We believe that all education is religious in nature since one's view of the world and life inevitably is involved in teaching. Every discipline of knowledge, whether it be subjects such as mathematics, science, or history, will have as its final reference point a theistic or a humanistic view of reality. Therefore, there is no neutral academic discipline.

Thus we believe that all social, physical, cognitive, and affective knowledge and training should have as its beginning the fear of God and its end the glory of God.

III.

MISSION

To encourage and support Christian families in the education of their children at home in accordance with Biblical principles and to support the rights of Christian parents to home school their children.

To coordinate local activities, plus serve and respond, as deemed appropriate by the leadership of the Association, to the needs of local home school groups.

In order to fulfill the Association's mission, the Association may employ the following described activities and services:

- a. **Education** Education of the general public and potential home schoolers of advantages and benefits of home schooling.
- b. **Support Groups** Inform support groups of upcoming events, seminars, training, etc. that will benefit their leadership and participating families.
- c. **Communication** Publish as deemed appropriate and needed a newsletter and/or website to challenge, encourage, support and inform home schooling families throughout the Lincoln area.
- d. **Activities** Sponsor activities and events as a service to home schoolers in the Lincoln area.