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#### **Article I: Name**

This homeschool group shall be known as Columbus Area Christian Homeschoolers (CACH).

#### **Article II: Mission Statement**

The purpose of Columbus Area Christian Homeschoolers is to support and encourage parents in their homeschooling effort as they endeavor to disciple their children to the glory of God. The group offers classes, some of which may be difficult or impossible in a single home setting, and emphasizes group activities to complement our schooling endeavors at home.

CACH is a volunteer-run ministry. Through the involvement and effort of all of its member families, CACH can provide encouragement, resource exchanges and curriculum ideas for families, assist new homeschoolers, form field trips, arrange academic events/competitions, and provide academic and social interaction with other parents and children with similar concerns and educational goals.

#### **Article III: Statement of Faith**

This is our Statement of Faith by which our group abides.

**Bible:** We believe the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, to be the verbally inspired Word of God, the final authority for faith and life and stands alone (not to be added to or deleted from), inerrant in the original writings, infallible and God-breathed. (2 Tim. 3:16; Rev. 22:18-19)

**Trinity:** We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 4:4-6, Matthew 28:19, John 14:9-11, John 15:26)

**Jesus Christ:** We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 16:16, Mark 8:27-29, Luke 9:18-20, John 20:28), in His virgin birth (Luke 1:29-35, Matthew 1:20), in His sinless life (1 John 3:5), in His miracles (Acts 2:22, John 3:2), in His substitutionary and atoning death through His shed blood (Romans 3:25, 1 Timothy 2:5-6, 1 Peter 1:18-19), in His bodily resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:3-5), in His ascension (Luke 24:50-53, Acts 1:9-11, 1 Corinthians 15:3-7) and in His coming personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11, John 14:2-3).

**Holy Spirit:** We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person and is, therefore, eternal and of the same essence, majesty, and glory with the Father and Son. We believe, therefore, that the Holy Spirit is truly God (Psalm 139:7-10, 1 Corinthians 2:10, Genesis 1:2).

**Sin:** We believe that sin separates us from God. Sin is our rebellion against His will. We sin in thought, word, and deed because we are born sinful (Rom. 3:22-24, 1 John 1:8-10).

**Salvation:** We believe salvation is a free gift of God to all who believe. We are justified by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone (Colossians 1:13-14, 1 John 2:2, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 3:24).

**Marriage and Family:** We believe God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption. Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. Sexual intimacy is sanctioned by God only within the context of marriage (Genesis 2:24-25, Exodus 20:14, Mark 10:6-9, Hebrews 13:4).

#### **Article IV: Membership**

Membership shall be open to anyone who (se):  
Will agree with the bylaws and policies of CACH,

Will agree to and uphold the Statement of Faith,  
Will abide by the Ohio Homeschooling laws,  
Oldest home-schooled child is Kindergarten level or above.

#### **Article V: Liability**

Participation in CACH absolves CACH, including the leadership and members, of any liability for personal injury and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the CACH from any and all claims and liabilities resulting or arising from participation in the CACH.

#### **Article VI: Fees**

The amount of the annual membership dues shall be determined by the officers and shall cover one entire family at one address. See CACH Policies and Procedures for more details about additional class fees.

#### **Article VII: Officers (Leadership Team)**

Officers are referred to as the Leadership Team. Each of the positions has equal power. Duties may be shifted to another officer, if all officers agree, without having a vote from the general membership. See CACH Policies and Procedures for more details about the Leadership Team's roles and responsibilities.

The Purpose of the Leadership Team:

1. Set the long- and short-term direction for the group.
2. Approve the budget.
3. Actively communicate with all members about group matters to ensure that the proper information is given to members in a timely manner.
4. Hold planning meetings as needed.
5. Manage class days.
6. Problem-solve as a team on policy/procedures/issues and major decisions affecting the group's direction.
7. Nurture, support, empower, and encourage the coordinators/teachers as they do their jobs; settle disputes.
8. See that bylaws are adhered to, enforced, or amended, and oversee the election process.

#### **Article VIII: Election**

Officers are elected annually to voluntarily serve on the Leadership Team. Annual term for each office begins on June 1. In case of resignation of an officer, or vacancy in any offices, the remaining Leadership Team shall appoint a member to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

#### **Article IX: Meetings**

Officer meetings shall be held as needed as determined by the Leadership Team.  
Member meetings for purposes of fellowship or information may be held as needed.

#### **Article X: Tithing**

As a Christian group, we desire to use the Biblical principles regarding tithing. Therefore, a 10% tithe of membership dues will be given to our host facility.

#### **Article XI: Funds**

Budget is set and approved by the Leadership Team.

#### **Article XII: Dissolution**

In the event of the dissolution of the CACH, the assets of the group, including any durable goods, minus costs, shall be donated to our most recent host church or another local church as determined by the Leadership Team.

#### **Article XIII: Amendments**

These bylaws can be amended at any member meeting or electronic vote with an affirmative vote from two-thirds of existing members, providing that notice of a possible amendment change was given two weeks prior to vote.

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