

NearHim Home Educators Operating Policy

Group Description: NHE is not affiliated with any church however; all member families must read, agree and act according to the Christian Statement of Faith found in this policy. The students in NHE range from preschool to twelfth grade, with a growing number of middle and high school students. NHE parent meetings will be held the fourth Thursday of most months between August and May from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Northland, A Church Distributed at 530 Dogtrack Road Longwood, FL. An annual calendar of Bible study, monthly meetings, special events, and field trips are available on the website, www.nearhim.com. Meetings and special events are held August through May.

Statement of Faith: It is a requirement for membership that all NHE families agree with the Christian Statement of Faith and believe these statements are foundational to our group:

We believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; and in the Holy Spirit. We believe Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. We believe Jesus was crucified to pay the debt for our sins, then rose again on the third day, and became the Mediator between God and man. We believe the Bible is the infallible Word of God.

Mission Statement: As a Christian group, we desire to help families grow in maturity in Christ, and more specifically, to assist families whom God has called to teach their children at home and to do so in a manner which honors God (Deuteronomy 4:9).

Purpose: The purpose of our group is to support and to encourage one another in the task of educating our children at home, by praying for one another (James 5:16) and bearing one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2).

Board Members: The NHE membership is governed and directed by a board of eight members who work diligently to be sure that the group runs effectively and efficiently. Board members must have served among the membership in a supporting capacity for at least one year prior to being nominated for a board position. Board members may serve three consecutive years on the board, at which time they must step down for one year. When a board member steps down from a board position they must prayerfully consider another member for their position and bring that nomination to the board for additional prayer and consideration. The board will vote on the nominated board member. The decision to bring the nominated member to the board must be unanimous. The self-perpetuation will help make smooth transitions and provide continuity between leaders. The board consists of a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Member Services Administrator, a Special Events Administrator, a Meeting Administrator, and a Co-op Administrator.

Board members agree:

- with the statement of faith, the mission statement and the purpose of NHE;
- to be accountable to the board and to the NHE membership;
- to work together to serve the membership;
- to make decisions about the direction of the group;
- to serve as mentors to the members; and
- to pray for the membership.