

ARCHE Constitution

Article I NAME

The name of the organization is Arnold Region Christian Home Educators (also known as ARCHE).

Article II PURPOSE

The purpose of ARCHE is to support Christian parents who are, or will be, educating their children at home.

Article III BELIEFS WE HOLD IN COMMON

We believe that the Bible is the word of God. Inspired and without error in all that it declares, it is therefore the supreme and final authority of faith and life (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21).

We believe that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man (John 1:1, 4), born of a virgin (Matthew 1:18), and sinless in His life (Hebrews 4:15). He died on the cross as a substitution for sinful men (Hebrews 9:15). He rose bodily from the grave (John 20:1-9, 24-31; Acts 2:24) and now reigns with the Father (Acts 2:33, Hebrews 10:12). We believe all humans are sinful by nature (Romans 3:23, 5:12) and can only be forgiven by the expression of trust in Jesus as Savior (John 3:16) brought about by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5-7).

We believe in the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (Romans 8:1-17).

We believe that Jesus will return to the earth someday as both Judge and King (Matthew 24:30, Acts 1:11, Hebrews 9:28).

We believe that God created the human race male and female and that all conduct with the intent to adopt a gender other than one's birth gender is immoral and therefore sin. (Genesis 1:26-27; Deuteronomy 22:5)

We believe that God has established marriage as an exclusive relationship between one man and one woman and that all intimate sexual activity outside the marriage relationship, whether heterosexual, homosexual, or otherwise, is immoral and therefore sin. (Genesis 2:24-25; Romans 1:18-31; I Corinthians 6:9-10, 15-20)

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor with the principles of ARCHE

We do recognize and welcome single parents.

Article IV MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be restricted to those families who concur with the **Beliefs We Hold In Common** and agree to abide by this constitution as well as the policies and procedures of ARCHE. Membership dues will be paid per family and will be determined each year as needed.

Those who cease to agree with the **Beliefs We Hold In Common**, cease to abide by this constitution or bring disrepute upon ARCHE shall be biblically confronted by the ARCHE board on behalf of the membership (Matthew 18:15-17, 2 John 9-11).

MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

Membership provides access to ARCHE programs, events and activities, the membership directory, and the opportunity to make a free family page in the yearbook, as well as field trips and discounts at area businesses. Additional fees may be required for certain activities.

SCHEDULING AND BUILDING USAGE

Any arrangements for building usage for ARCHE shall be made by the ARCHE Board.

Article V THE ARCHE BOARD

Board members are members of ARCHE who are elected by the membership or appointed by the ARCHE board if someone is unable to finish out their term. Board members are required to have homeschooled for at least one school year prior to serving on the board. Board members are required to be an active ARCHE member including workshop participant for at least one year prior to serving on the board. ARCHE board members are servant-leaders whose main goal is to help and support fellow homeschool families.