

CONSTITUTION
for
SELAH of North Texas

Article I

Name

The name of the organization shall be **SELAH of North Texas**, also herein after referred to as "the Group."

Article II

Membership

SELAH of North Texas shall be composed of home educating families who desire to affiliate (Hebrews 10:25).

Membership dues shall be exacted per family and will be determined each year by the Board.

Those who cease to abide by this Constitution, or who otherwise bring disrepute on the Group, shall be biblically confronted by the Board of the Group for restoration, and if necessary, will be removed from membership by unanimous consent of the Board. (Matthew 18: 15-20; 1 Corinthians 5:1-5; 2 John 9-11)

Article III

Purpose

The purpose of the Group is as follows:

- to provide fellowship and support for home-school families;
- to provide to members news and information concerning home education;
- to provide group activities and field trips for children, when available;
- to strive for godly environments in which children may build relationships with peers and mixed age groups (2 Corinthians 6:14);
- to provide good organization and communication within the group through
- to maintain an attitude of outreach to new or potential home education families (Colossians 4:5).

The Group shall not impinge on the rights of parents to educate their children, as parents believe best. SELAH of North Texas is a service organization providing advice and help to members who may use the assistance offered, as they desire.

Article IV

Statement of Principles

Family

We believe the family is the basic governmental, social, and spiritual unit created by God. In the family, the child learns self-government and social relationships and develops a relationship to God (Ephesians 6:1-3; Colossians 3;20). We understand family to mean one male and one female parent with one or more children, all related by the institution of marriage, though we realize the exception of a single parent and foster children (Genesis 2:24).

Nature of Education

We believe that all social, physical, and cognitive knowledge should have as its beginning the fear of God, and as its end the glory of God (Proverbs 1:7; Romans 11:33-36).

Article V

Statement of Faith

We believe the Bible to be the only Word of God, written by men divinely inspired by God, and that it is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man. It has God as its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of

error. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ (Deuteronomy 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Pete 1:19-21).

We believe there is only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. He reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being (John 1:1).

We believe Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, born of a virgin (Matthew 1:18), and sinless in His life (Hebrews 4:15). He died vicariously on the cross as substitution for sinful men (Hebrews 9:15). He rose bodily from the grave (John 20:1-9) and now reigns with the Father (Acts 2:23). He will return visibly and personally to the earth, both in salvation and judgment (Acts 1:11; Hebrews 9:28).

We believe all humans are sinful by nature (Romans 3:23) and can only be forgiven by the expression of trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord (John 3:16), brought about by the regeneration work of the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5-7).

We believe in the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit, by who's indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (Romans 8:1-7).

Complete agreement with the Statement of Faith is required for Board members only.

Article VI

Code of Conduct for SELAH of North Texas Functions

Each individual shall conduct himself in purity, according to the standards set forth in God's word.

We will refrain from any inappropriate public display of affection (2 Timothy 2:22).

We will refrain from tobacco use (1 Corinthians 8:9).

We will use no profanity or other degrading speech (Colossians 3:8).

We will dress in a modest manner. Short shorts and halter-tops are specifically prohibited (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

We will not make negative comments or speeches regarding other forms of education, especially public schools and their representatives. We will instead focus our time together on the positive attributes of home schooling (Philippians 4:8; Colossians 4:6).

Suggestions may be emailed to the director. Complaints and grumblings should be taken before the Lord (Philippians 2:14-15). Disputes among members should be handled according to Matthew 18.

Activities and field trips are restricted to members of SELAH of North Texas. This rule, of course, does not exclude visitors who are interested in SELAH of North Texas from attending park days or Mom 2 Mom meetings (2 Thessalonians 3:11-12).

Please read this Constitution together as a family.