

# Cenla Christian Home School Association

## Full Membership

We, the Cenla Christian Home School Association, are established as a private organization to support Christian families in Christian home education. Application for membership is open to any home education families who are registered with the State under either the Home Study or the Non-Public Not Seeking State Approval options and are able to subscribe to and sign the Statement of Faith and the Statement of Belief on Family and Education. Members must also agree to abide by the CCHSA Constitution and Bylaws, and the Policies and Procedures established by the organization's Board of Directors.

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, divinely preserved Word of God, the supreme and final authority for all faith and life.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, and His imminent bodily return in power and glory.
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God, but fell into sin and is therefore lost, and only those who put their faith in Jesus Christ alone, not trusting in any personal works whatsoever, can be saved.
5. We believe that salvation is the free gift of God, brought to the sinner by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose substitutionary death on the cross paid the penalty for man's sin.
6. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to convict mankind, and to indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers through our common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that individual doctrinal differences that may exist, except the aforementioned (1-6), should not hinder the unity of Christian home educators.

### STATEMENT OF BELIEF ON FAMILY AND EDUCATION

#### FAMILY

We believe that the family is the basic governmental, social, and spiritual unit created by God over which the man is to provide the leadership according to the Scripture. In it, the child learns self-government, social relationships, and develops a relationship to the Creator and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, according to John 3:5 and 16, Ephesians 6:1 and Colossians 3:20. The family also provides protection from government and society.

We understand "family" to mean a male (XY chromosome) and female (XX chromosome) parent who are legally married, with one or more children (Genesis 1:26-28), although we recognize the exceptions of a single parent, adopted, foster, and stepchildren (James 1:27). We believe that every person is born with a certain biological and unchangeable gender. Furthermore, we believe that any form of sexual immorality, including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography, or any attempt to change one's sex, or disagreement with one's biological sex, is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10)

We reject homosexual marriages or homosexual orientation of both parents and children because it is contrary to Scripture and the intentions of God in creation (Romans 1:18-32), and we believe that such relationships are destructive to children and the very idea of family. Further, we reject transitory, co-habitational relationships (living together as husband/wife without being married) as being equally in violation of God's laws and incapable of providing the long-term nurture and instruction needed by children and commanded by God (Proverbs 1:8-9, 2:1-11; Colossians 3:21; and Ephesians 6:4). In view of this, no homosexual parents and children or merely co-habiting "parents" are eligible for membership in this Christian home education support group.

#### EDUCATION

We believe that the ultimate responsibility for the education of children belongs to parents (Deuteronomy 4:9, 6:1-25, and 4:1-4). Thus, we believe this is an inalienable right given by God that the State cannot create, destroy, or alter. Parents may authorize another to teach some of the information that children need to know or experience, but all education should be under the ultimate control and supervision of the parents.

We believe that all education is religious in nature, since one's view of the world and life is inevitably involved in teaching (Proverbs 2:1-8, 3:1-2, with 6:20-23; and Matthew 28:18-20).

**AGREEMENT:** I/We, the undersigned, do hereby affirm that I/we agree and comply with the above statements of faith and belief on family and education.