

The By-Laws of Meridian Christian Home Educators (MCHE)

Article I – Name

This organization shall be known as Meridian Christian Home Educators (MCHE).

Article II – Term

This organization shall have continual existence as long as there are 3 member families who agree to serve on the MCHE Council.

Article III – Purposes

- A. The primary purpose for which this organization is formed is to benefit its membership and community at large through the undergirding of one another as each homeschools their children, training them both educationally and spiritually. The foundation for the organization is Jesus Christ; the goal is knowledge, understanding and wisdom; and the basis is the Holy Scriptures.
- B. This organization is formed to foster the encouragement and support that each family may need in their home schooling efforts; to share in the resources that each family may find helpful; and to present a positive image of homeschooling to the general public at large.

Article IV – Statement of Faith

- A. There is one living and true God. God has existed from all eternity. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being. Jesus Christ, born of a virgin, was God come in human flesh being fully God and fully man except without sin.
- B. The Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God.
- C. Man is by nature sinful and is inherently in need of salvation.
- D. Christ's death provides substitutionary atonement for our sins. He literally rose bodily from the dead.
- E. Salvation is offered as a gift – free to the sinner. This gift must be responded to in individual faith, not trusting in any personal works whatsoever, but the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ alone.
- F. Children are a heritage from the Lord entrusted to parents to train up in righteousness, for His glory.

Article V – Membership in the Organization

- A. Membership: The members of this organization will comprise all families who voluntarily join, agree to participate, pay their dues and accept and sign the Statement of Faith.
- B. Termination: Membership may be terminated voluntarily by individuals or involuntarily by action of the MCHE Council and membership in cases where any member is in non-compliance with the spirit and intent of this organization's stated purpose through the By-laws and Code of Conduct. A majority vote of the MCHE Council shall be required to recommend termination of any member under this provision. Then, a membership vote shall be conducted and a simple majority is required to vote yes or no on the recommended termination. If at least 50 percent of the total current membership fails to participate in the vote, the decision reverts back to the MCHE Council for final determination.
 - 1) If a parent is removed, the entire family is removed from membership.
 - 2) If a minor is removed from membership, other family members may continue their membership.
- C. Voting: Issues requiring a vote will be conducted by family unit. One (1) vote per registered family may be cast.

Article VI – Meeting of Members

The Council will schedule a minimum of two (2) business meetings per year. These two (2) meetings may be held at the call of the Coordinator or the MCHE Council with two (2) weeks' notice given to the entire membership. Complete financial reports must be given at each meeting.

Article VII – The MCHE Council and Officers of the Organization

The purposes of the MCHE Council include being accountable to the By-laws and keeping the membership accountable to the By-laws, welcoming new and prospective members, reviewing the By-laws as needed, addressing all issues that may be brought before it, and meeting as needed to achieve the purposes and goals of the organization. The MCHE Council shall be composed of Coordinator, Assistant Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer and one member at large. The job descriptions for all office positions will be maintained by the MCHE Council and will be given to the officers as they assume their positions. No one family shall hold more than one position at any given time.

- A. Terms on the MCHE Council shall be three (3) years total. An exception can be made if no qualified replacement can be found. The term for individual offices shall be one (1) year. No one may serve more than two (2) consecutive years in the same position.
- B. Vacancies among the officers shall be filled by appointment. The MCHE Council will decide on the appropriateness of replacing that member or waiting until the summer rotation before taking action. The Coordinator, Secretary and Treasurer positions must always be filled.

- C. Qualifications: Minimum qualifications for members of the MCHE Council shall be male heads of households and their wives with at least one child who is currently being homeschooled.
- D. Voting: Issues requiring a vote will be conducted by family unit. Each male head of household will cast one (1) vote for their family unit.

Article VIII – Fiscal Policy

MCHE funds shall only be expended for MCHE activities. Only those expenditures approved by the MCHE Council shall be made by the organization.

The Treasurer shall keep thorough records of expenditures and receipts. In addition to the Coordinator, the Assistant Coordinator may also sign checks.

MCHE members receiving and/or expending monies on MCHE's behalf are required to maintain adequate records of both receipts and expenditures. Furthermore, copies of these records must be provided to the Council in a timely manner.

Article IX – Children's Activities

Supervision of children during organization activities is the exclusive responsibility of their parents. Unless specifically authorized to in writing by the MCHE Council, no child care, either paid or volunteer, will be provided by MCHE.

Article X – Amendments

The MCHE Council may later amend, revise, add to, repeal, or rescind these By-Laws and/or adopt new By-Laws by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the membership in attendance of the vote, provided that notice of the proposed alteration, amendment, revision, addition, repeal, or recession of the By-Laws or adoption of new By-Laws shall have been given at least thirty (30) days preceding the vote.

Article XI – Dissolution

If MCHE should ever dissolve, the MCHE Council shall submit at least three (3) options for asset disbursement to the entire membership for their vote.