

# Constitution for ACC Home Schoolers

## ARTICLE I

### Statement of Purpose

#### **Section 1: Name**

ACC HOME SCHOOLERS

#### **Section 2: Mission**

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away on a journey, when you are lying down and when you are getting up again. Tie them to your hands as a reminder, and wear them on your forehead. Write them on the door post of your house and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:4-9

#### **Section 3: Purpose**

The purpose of the Organization will be to further the interests of the education of children by their parents by all lawful means, including, but not limited to, support of and assistance to members of the Organization who are educating their own children, dissemination of legislative and other information affecting the rights of parents to direct the education and upbringing of their children, participation in and sponsorship of conventions and educational seminars for teaching parents, organization of field trips and extracurricular activities for members of the Organization, and lobbying and public relation activities with state and federal officials, both elected and appointed.

## ARTICLE II

### Statement of Faith

#### **Section 1: Preface**

Our Statement of Faith includes only those truths upon which all true Christians agree. It concerns the Person and Work of Jesus Christ (the Gospel) as revealed in Scripture. It is the faith once delivered to the saints (Jude 2, Eph. 4:5) which distinguishes believers from nonbelievers. There are many other precious truths taught in the Bible over which godly men have differed in understanding. Therefore, this is not a statement of all that is important to believe, but of all that is essential to believe for Christian fellowship and unity (Rom. 15:7). This article may only be amended by a unanimous vote of all the Leadership Team.

#### **Section 2: Statement of Faith**

1. We believe the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, to be verbally inspired and the complete Word of God, the final authority for faith and life, inerrant in the original writings, infallible and God-Breathed. (2 Tim. 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21; Rev. 22: 18-19)
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Deut. 4: 35; Isaiah 44:6; Matt. 3: 16-17, 28: 19; Mark 12:29; John 1:1; Acts 5:3-4)
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection. (Isaiah 7:14, 53:9; Matthew 3:17, 16:16; John 1:1, 14:3; Acts 1:9; Romans 5:8-11; 1 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 4:4-5; Philippians 2:8, 3:10; Hebrews 5: 8-9, 9: 11-15, 10:11-22)
4. We believe that all men are sinful by nature, and that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins. (Romans 3:22-25, Eph. 2:8-10, Phil. 3:9, Hebrews 9:22, 12:2)

5. We believe God, in His Word, has given parents the responsibility and authority to educate their children in a Godly manner. (Gen. 18:19; Deut. 6:5-9; Proverbs 22:6; Eph. 6:4; 1 Timothy 3: 1-5).

6. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that "marriage" can only be between one man and one woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, pornography, or disagreement with one's biological sex are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. (Gen. 2:24, Rom. 1:26-29, Lev. 18:1-30, I Cor. 5:1, I Cor. 6:9, I Thess. 4:1-8, Heb. 13:4)

## ARTICLE III

### Powers

The organization will have all of the statutory powers enumerated for nonprofit organizations under the laws of the state of operation.

## ARTICLE IV

### Leadership Team

#### **SECTION 1: Governing Authority**

The governing body of the organization will be known as the Leadership Team, and it will have plenary powers to do all things necessary and proper to operate and control the organization.

#### **SECTION 2: Composition and Qualifications**

The Leadership Team will be a self-perpetuating body. It will consist of a minimum of two couples\* with up to two additional couples\* or individuals elected by the majority of members of the organization present at the time of election. Members of the Leadership Team will be any eligible parent(s) or legal guardian educating or have educated their own child(ren) and will be members in good standing of the organization. Each candidate for election to the Leadership Team must affirm before the organization his/her concurrence with the Mission and Purpose Statement and the Statement of Faith of the organization, and in good standing in a local evangelical church. (Heb. 10:25) \*[A couple is defined as one man and one woman married to one another]

#### **SECTION 3: Term of Service**

The Leadership Team will be elected for a term of two years and be elected for up to 3 additional years. With a five consecutive year maximum. There can be a rotation of duties to be decided by the Leadership Team itself.

#### **SECTION 4: Manner of Election**

Nominations for election to the Leadership Team will be taken during a regular group meeting. Election of a nominee to Leadership will be by simple majority of those members present at the general membership meeting to be held by July 1st.

#### **SECTION 5: Removal**

Any leadership member may be removed by vote of a majority in attendance of a regular or special meeting of the membership whenever in its judgment the best interests of the organization will be served.

#### **SECTION 6: Vacancies**

Vacancies in the Leadership Team caused by the death, removal, or resignation of a member will be filled by a special election of members of a qualified person to serve the un-expired term of the member who has died or resigned.

## **SECTION 7: Delegation of Authority**

The Leadership Team may delegate to one or more of its members or to any of its officers, agents, or to any of its committees such powers and duties as it may deem appropriate and prior. In the absence of such delegation, either generally or specifically, no member of the Leadership Team will have any authority to act for the Leadership Team. Each member of the Leadership Team will have status coequal with that of each other member, and each member will have the right to vote on any and all questions coming before the Leadership Team.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Leadership Meetings**

#### **Section 1: Quorum**

The quorum of all meetings of the Leadership Team, whether regular or special, will be one-half (1/2) of the voting members.

#### **Section 2: Regular Meetings**

Regular meetings of the Leadership Team of the Organization will be held at times and places established by the Leadership Team and will be held at least semi-annually.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Officers**

#### **Section 1: Designation**

The officers of the Leadership Team of the Organization will consist of a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary.

#### **Section 2: Election and Term of Service**

Officers will be elected by the Leadership Team at its first regular meeting after the meeting which members of the Leadership Team were elected. Officers will serve for a term of one year commencing upon election each year. Each officer will hold office until his successor has been duly elected.

#### **Section 3: Vacancies**

Any vacancy in any office, however occurring, can be filled by the Leadership, until the next regularly scheduled election.

#### **Section 4: President**

The President will be the principal executive officer of the organization and, subject to the control of the Leadership Team, will in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the organization. The President, when present, will preside at all meetings of the Leadership Team and they may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper officer authorized by the Leadership Team contracts or other instruments which the Leadership Team has authorized to be executed., except in cases where the signing and execution are required by law to be otherwise signed or executed, and in general will perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Leadership Team from time to time.

#### **Section 7: Vice-President**

In the absence of the President or in event of his death, inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President will perform all the duties of the President, and will have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice-President will perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to them by the President.

### **Section 8: Secretary**

The Secretary will (a) keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Leadership Team in one or more books provided for that purpose; (b) be custodian of records; and (c) in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to them by the President or by the Leadership Team.

### **Section 9: Treasurer**

The office of Treasurer will not be a leadership position. Treasurer will (a) have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the organization; (b) receive and give receipt for moneys due and payable to the organization from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the organization in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as will be selected by the Leadership Team; and (c) in general to perform all of the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or the Leadership Team.

## **Article VII**

### **Committees**

Committees may be established from time to time as appointed by the President of the Leadership Team or by action of the Leadership Team to consider and report on matters assigned at the time of appointment or action.

## **Article VIII**

### **Members**

#### **Section 1: Membership**

Membership in the Organization will be available to those who are home schooling parent(s) or legal guardian(s) residing within this state who are educating or have educated their own children. All members must apply for membership as prescribed by the Leadership Team. All persons must apply annually for membership and will complete an Organization membership form, signed Statement of Faith and make payment of annual dues. Membership will begin August 1<sup>st</sup> each year and expire July 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

#### **Section 2: Rights and Privileges**

Members of the Organization will enjoy all of the rights and privileges of membership in the organization as established by the Leadership Team and the laws of the state. Members will be entitled to participate in all activities of the organization and to represent the interests of the organization, subject to the authority of the Leadership Team.

#### **Section 3: Duties and Responsibilities**

By submitting an application for membership in the organization, members agree to abide by all standards and policies of the organization as established by the Leadership Team. Members will refrain from engaging in any activity which may bring reproach on the organization or parentally directed education.

#### **Section 4: Termination of Membership**

Membership in the organization may be voluntarily terminated by said member at any time by providing notice of the same to the Leadership Team. Membership of any member may be involuntarily terminated by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Leadership Team whenever in its judgment the best interests of the organization will be served thereby.

#### **Section 5: Special Meetings**

If five or more members feel the need for a special meeting, leadership must comply to the request and schedule a meeting within two weeks.

## ARTICLE IX

### Amendment to Constitution

Amendments may be added to the organization's constitution by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present at the time of the vote.

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