

Constitution of the Northern Hills Christian Homeschoolers

Article I Name

The name shall be the Northern Hills Christian Homeschoolers. The group shall be filed with the State of South Dakota as a domestic nonprofit corporation. This constitution and associated bylaws serve as a contract between the Northern Hills Christian Homeschoolers and all members.

Article II Offices

The Board President shall serve as the organization's registered agent and location. The Board of Directors may, at any time, change the location of the registered office and the person designated as the registered agent, typically determined by the organization's annual election of Directors.

Article III Purpose

Our mission is in accordance with the mandate in Proverbs 22:6 to provide support, both educationally and spiritually, to one another. Educational support will be through the sharing of ideas and resources. Spiritual support will be through fellowship, encouragement, and prayer. "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

Article IV Statement of Faith

Section 1. Preface

While there are truths other than these which are taught in the Bible (and all Scripture is equally important), this brief statement of faith delineates truths which we believe to be essential for Christian fellowship.

Section 2. Statement

A. The Bible alone is the inspired and infallible Word of God and constitutes completed and final revelation. The Bible, in its original autographs, is without error in whole or in part, including theological concepts as well as geographical and historical details. (II Tim 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21)

B. God alone is self-existent and has existed from all eternity in three eternal and co-equal persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ was God, come in human flesh, being fully God and fully man except without sin. (Gen 1:1; John 1:1; John 10:30, 37-38)

C. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, and everything that God created was good. Yet his perfect creation was marred by sin. Through Adam's sin, death and decay entered into this world. (Gen 1:1, 31; Gen 2:16-17; Gen 3:6-10, 23; Rom 8:20-21; Rom 5:12)

D. All men are in violation of God's righteous requirements and His Holy character both by nature and by act, and are therefore under His wrath and just condemnation. Yet because of God's infinite love and mercy, He sent His Son to bear the penalty of our sins. The central purpose of the coming of Jesus Christ was to atone for sins through His substitutionary death on the cross - the successful accomplishment of which was attested to by His subsequent visible bodily resurrection. (Rom 3:19, 25-26; Rom 5:6-8; Eph 2:1, 4-5; II Cor 5:21; 1 Cor 15:3-6)

E. Salvation is offered as a gift free to the sinner. This gift must be responded to individually in faith, not trusting in any personal works whatsoever, but in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ alone. (Rom 6:23; John 3:16; Eph 2:8-9; Rom 3:21-24; Rom 10:9)

F. The Holy Spirit is the comforter and counselor, promised by Jesus, who came upon the church at Pentecost and indwells every believer. He is co-equal with the Father and the Son and provides the power which enables individual Christians to live in accord with God's will. (John 14:16-17, 26; Rom 8:9-11; Rom 12:2-3; Gal 3:3; Phil 2:13)

G. We believe God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female, and these two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. We believe God created marriage to be exclusively the union of one man and one woman, and intimate sexual activity is to occur exclusively within that union. (Gen 1:26-27; Gen 2:18-24; Lev 18:22; Lev 20:10-14; Rom 1:26-28)

Article V Adult and Student Membership Qualifications

A. Members must abide by this Northern Hills Christian Homeschoolers constitution and associated bylaws.

- B.** Members must pay annual membership dues to participate. Amount of dues and their coverage shall be set by the Board.
- C.** To vote, hold office, or positions of instruction, adult members (parents) must sign and agree to the Northern Hills Christian Homeschoolers' Statement of Faith and maintain active membership through annual dues.
- D.** Students eligible to participate in group activities must be exempt from public education, with parents providing at least 51% of student's instruction.
- E.** The individual student's status shall determine participation, not the family's membership in the Northern Hills Christian Homeschoolers.

Article VI Board of Directors

Section 1. Governing Authority

The governing body shall be known as the Board of Directors, and shall have plenary powers to do all things necessary and proper to operate the Northern Hills Christian Homeschoolers.

Section 2. Board Positions

The Board of Directors shall consist of four membership-elected positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 3. Board Qualifications

Each member of the Board of Directors shall:

- A.** Sign and agree to Northern Hills Christian Homeschoolers' Statement of Faith.
- B.** Be a member of a local Christian church that is essentially in agreement with Northern Hills Christian Homeschoolers' Statement of Faith.
- C.** Have their faith evident in their manner of life.
- D.** A minimum of one year of personal homeschooling experience.
- E.** Demonstrate their understanding of the requirements of a Board member by previously given of their time voluntarily in service to the Northern Hills Christian Homeschoolers.

Article VII Amendments

Section 1. Method of amendment.

This constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of a quorum (quorum defined as 10% of the active membership) of the Northern Hills Christian Homeschoolers. Prior to the adoption of the amendment, members shall be given at least 30 days' notice of the date, time and place of the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered, and the notice shall state that one of the purposes of the meeting is to consider a proposed amendment to the constitution and shall contain a copy of the proposed amendment.

Article VIII Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of Northern Hills Christian Homeschoolers, the assets of the organization will be liquidated as necessary to pay all debts of the organization, and any remaining assets will be donated to a Christian organization specified by a simple majority of the remaining members in attendance.