

# **York Education At Home, A Christian Homeschool Support Group**

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

YEAH (York Education At Home) is a group of Christian families dedicated to home education, looking to each other for mutual support.

## **FAMILY**

We believe that the family is the basic governmental, social and spiritual unit created by God. In it, the child gradually learns self-government, social relationships, and develops a relationship to The Creator and Savior, within a safe and nurturing environment (Ephesians 6:1-3; Colossians 3:20).

We understand family to mean a male and a female, with one or more children, all related by blood (Genesis 1:26-28), though we recognize the exceptions of a single parent, adopted children and step children (James 1 :27).

We reject homosexual marriages and homosexual orientation 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. We also reject transitory co-habitational relationships as being equally in violation of God's laws and incapable of providing the long term nurturing and instruction needed by children as commanded by God (Proverbs 1:8-9; 2: 1-11; Colossians 3:20; Ephesians 6:4). In view of this, no homosexual or merely co-habiting parents are eligible for membership.

## **PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN EDUCATION**

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

## **NATURE OF EDUCATION**

We believe that all education is religious in nature, since one's view of the world and life inevitably is involved in teaching (Proverbs 2:1-8; 3:1-2; 6:20-23; Matthew 28:18-20); that every discipline of knowledge (whether it be a subject such as mathematics, science or history) will have as its final reference point a theistic or humanistic view of reality (Colossians 1:15-20; 2:8-15), and that there are not neutral academic disciplines. As such we embrace the Biblical account of Creation (Genesis 1-2).

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