

York Education At Home, A Christian Homeschool Support Group

STATEMENT OF FAITH

* We believe both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God. (II Timothy 3:15-17; Romans 15:4).

* We believe in one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; Ephesians 4:4-6).

* 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, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory. (John 1:1-4; Matthew 1:23; Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 1:1-4 & 4:15; Acts 1:11 & 2:22-24; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Zechariah 14:4-5).

* We believe that faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and regeneration by the Holy Spirit are essential for the salvation of lost and sinful man and that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation. (Titus 3:4-7; Luke 24:46-47; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6; Acts 4:12).

* We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit whose indwelling enables the Christian to live a godly life. (Galatians 5:16-18; Romans 8:9).

* We believe in the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life eternal. (Acts 13:38; 1 Corinthians 15:50-58; Romans 6:23).

* We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ and that all true believers are members of His body, the Church. (Ephesians 1:22-23; I Corinthians 12:12, 27).

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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 refuse any marriage or sexual orientation that is contrary to Scripture and the intentions of God in creation. (Romans 1:18-21) We also view any co-habiting relationships as a violation of God's commands as they are incapable of providing the 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, only heterosexual married couples or heterosexual single parents and their children 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).