

Membership Guidelines of
LIGHT
Learning and Instilling God in Home Teaching

Homeschool Support Group

Article I Statement of Purpose

1. The official name of this organization is LIGHT Homeschool Support Group. LIGHT stands for Learning and Instilling God in Home Teaching and will be abbreviated to LIGHT.
2. The purpose of LIGHT is to provide Christ-centered support and assistance to homeschoolers by all lawful means within a Christian environment. We will gather, share, and disperse legislative and other information. We will uphold the parental freedom of choice to direct the education of our children. We will encourage parents to act on their God-given responsibility to train their children. We will promote and encourage participation in home education conventions and advertise educational seminars for the purpose of teaching and encouraging home educators. We will organize field trips and extra-curricular activities to bring enrichment and adventure to home education.

Article II Statement of Faith

Section 1. Preface

Our Statement of Faith includes the basic **doctrines** essential to historic Christianity. It concerns the person and work of Jesus Christ as revealed in Scripture. There are many other truths taught in the Bible which individual Christians, churches, and denominations have interpreted and understood differently. 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.

Section 2. Statement

1. God is Spirit and those who worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and truth.
2. God exists eternally as three persons in the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. Jesus Christ, born of a virgin, is come in the flesh.
4. Jesus Christ is true God and true man.
5. The Holy Bible is the inspired, infallible, inerrant and complete Word of God, and is our authority.
6. Man is by nature sinful and is inherently in need of salvation, which is a gift of grace found exclusively by faith alone in Jesus Christ and His shed blood.
7. Christ's death provides substitutionary atonement for our sins.
8. Jesus Christ rose bodily from the dead.
9. Jesus Christ will come bodily to the earth again in the Second Advent.
10. The Holy Spirit regenerates and indwells all true believers to encourage and empower them to become like Jesus.
11. God is the creator of the universe. (Genesis 1-2).
12. The Biblical model for a family is a husband and wife united in legal marriage, along with their children (including biological, adopted, foster, or stepchildren). (Genesis 1:26-28, James 1:27, Ephesians 5:22-23) LIGHT encourages members to adhere to this model, while recognizing that single parents or grandparents lead some families. Homosexual marriages or lifestyles are contrary to Scripture and the intentions of God in creation (Romans 1:18-32).

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Article III
Terms of Liability

LIGHT is not a legal defense organization and any advice or information given by LIGHT is opinion formed from research and experience and is not meant to be a substitute for competent, legal advice from a qualified attorney.

Each member family fully and conscientiously agrees to release the Board, Coordinators, and other members of LIGHT from any and all liability that may be incurred by failure to abide by the guidelines of LIGHT. Each member family agrees to sign a waiver of liability releasing LIGHT of any liability incurred as a result of LIGHT sponsored activities, co-op classes, outings, or field trips.

Article IV
Board of Directors

Section 1. Authority

The Board of Directors will be a self-perpetuating body formed to give direction, guidance, and authority to LIGHT. The Board will approve all activities, co-op classes, newsletters, and LIGHT sponsored events for its members.

Section 2. Qualifications and Terms

1. The Board of Directors will have home taught at least two (2) years.
2. The Board will consist of 3 or more voting couples and other non-voting members appointed by the board as growth demands. Both husband and wife will be actively involved.
3. All Board members will agree with and sign the LIGHT Statement of Faith.
4. One couple of the Board will be appointed to serve as Chairpersons.
5. One couple of the Board will be appointed to serve as Secretary.
6. One couple of the Board will be appointed to serve as Treasurer.
7. The Board will appoint its Coordinators to oversee the various activities.
8. The majority of the Board will be in agreement in any and all decisions. In the event of a tie, the chairpersons will vote.
9. Board members will serve a minimum of one year and a maximum of three years. Board members will stagger their terms to avoid a majority of members rotating off at once.
10. A Board member (voting couple) may return to the Board after one year off rotation.
11. Any Board couple not fulfilling their required duties or respecting the LIGHT Statement of Faith and Purpose may be asked to step out of their position at any time during their term of service. The Board may fill this vacancy at their discretion.

Article V
Terms and Duties

Section 1. Appointment and Term of Service

The Coordinators of LIGHT are volunteers and are approved by the Board. Coordinators will serve for a term of one year, commencing August 1st. They may serve consecutive terms. Coordinators other than the newsletter (such as activity, communications, membership, or publicity) may be added or deleted by the Board on a yearly basis.

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Section 2. Co-op and Coordinator Volunteers

Any Coordinator placed in a position serving directly under a LIGHT Board Member, not limited to, but including all Co-op Teachers (whether members of LIGHT or volunteers from the community), Co-op Leaders (or those holding leadership positions in a classroom setting), or other coordinators, as deemed necessary by the Board, shall be willing to agree with and sign a copy of the LIGHT Statement of Faith prior to beginning their term of service.

Section 3. Newsletter Coordinator

The Newsletter Coordinator will collect, edit, publish, and distribute a monthly newsletter to all paid members of LIGHT. Each edition of the newsletter will be submitted to the Board prior to publication. Deadline for entries of the newsletter will be the third week of the month. The newsletter will be distributed by or at the beginning of each month. Events should be posted two months in advance. Members will be notified for last minute events.

Section 4. Removal and Vacancies

Any Coordinator may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board, if deemed in the best interest of LIGHT. The Board will fill any vacancy in any office for the remainder of the term.

**Article VI
Budget and Dues**

Section 1. Membership Dues

Membership dues will be collected to publish the newsletter and pay incidentals (such as paper products, special speakers, website expenses, etc). The Secretary/Treasurer will provide a financial statement to be printed in the newsletter no less than two times per fiscal year. The Board reserves the right to increase membership dues to cover the cost of normal operating expenses.

Section 2. Collection and Disbursement

Membership dues will be collected each August at the beginning of the fiscal year. Members joining in February or later will pay due amount located in Article VI, section 3.

Section 3. Annual Dues

\$20.00 – New memberships
\$20.00 – Renewal memberships
\$20.00 – Joining at anytime

Section 4. Non-Refundable

Membership dues are non-refundable.

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Article VII
Dissolution

Upon the decision of the Board and general consensus of the members, LIGHT may be dissolved and its activities closed. After payment of all bills, any remaining monies will be distributed equally to CHEK, KHEA, and HSLDA. Any groups forming after dissolution of LIGHT may not use its name, website, or membership rolls.

Article VIII
Responsibilities of Membership

Section 1. State and National Organizations

1. Members are encouraged to take an active part in state organizations for the betterment of their families. Our state organizations are CHEK (Christian Home Educators of Kentucky) and KHEA (Kentucky Home Education Association).
2. Members are encouraged to join membership with our national organization HSLDA (Home School Legal Defense). HSLDA endeavors to protect and defend the rights and privileges we have to educate our children at home.
3. LIGHT will provide a Group Discount Number to those members who desire to join HSLDA.

Section 2. Approval/Termination

1. The Board of Directors can approve/deny any application at their discretion. Failure to sign the waiver of liability will result in denial of membership.
2. Either party may terminate membership, with or without cause, in writing.

Section 3. Responsibilities

1. Members must be home educating or planning to begin within the current enrollment year.
2. Member families agree to respect and support the LIGHT Statement of Faith.
3. Member families agree to respect the LIGHT Activity Behavior Guidelines.
4. Member families agree to share in the responsibilities of LIGHT by volunteering or lending a helping hand to the Board of Directors or other leaders of LIGHT to further the vision and Purpose of LIGHT.
5. Only homeschooled students who have not graduated from high school may participate in LIGHT activities.

Section 4. Alterations

The Board of Directors of LIGHT may amend this membership agreement at any time except for Article VII and Article VIII, Section 4.