

All families taking part in Vine and Branches Homeschoolers must affirm this Statement of Faith in all areas of participation, including but not limited to teaching, helping and attending classes and events that the co-operative might have.

Vine & Branches Homeschoolers

Lancaster County

Statement of Faith

- We believe in the one God eternally existing in three persons, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We believe that they are equal in perfection, nature and ability. Mathew 5:48, 28:19-20; John 1:1-2; Colossians 2:9
- We believe in Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man. He was begotten of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin. He was perfect, without sin and died on the cross as a sacrificial substitute for all mankind. He rose from the dead and is now seated at the right hand of God where He intercedes for His people. Luke 1:34-38; Acts 2:23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Colossians 1:15-17; I Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 2:9, 4:15, 8:1, 9:24; I Peter 1:3, 2:24, 3:18; I John 2:2
- We believe in the Holy Spirit as a divine person sent to guide, instruct, dwell, and empower the believer and convict the world of sin, of righteousness, and judgment. John 14:15-18.26; John 16:7-15; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 6:19
- We believe in the authority of the Bible, that it is the inspired and infallible Word of God. We believe that the 66 books which comprise the Old and New Testaments are given by God and are the full revelation of His will and salvation to mankind.
- We believe that the Bible is the final authority in faith and life. John 17:17; II Timothy 3:15-17; II Peter 1:19-21
- We believe that as we have been loved so thoroughly by the Lord we respond in our daily lives by loving Him supremely, loving others sacrificially and we live out our faith with sincere care for one another. We believe restoring broken relationships where feasible is the most affirming way to walk out our faith. (Dt. 6:5; Lev. 19:18; Matt. 22:37-39; Mk. 12:30; Lk. 10:27, Rom. 12:10; 14:13; 15:7, 14; Gal. 5:26; Eph. 4:32; 1 Thess. 3:12; 5:11, 15; Heb. 10:24-25; 1 Pet. 4:9).
- We believe that the content of books, teaching materials or curriculum that glorifies God's nature and upholds truths revealed by God in the Bible should be used for learning and instruction of children. We believe that materials which glorify, profusely explore or rationalize the works of darkness done in open or in private are not healthy or edifying for children who are seeking the Lord and endeavor to live by His Word and with His Holy Spirit. Ephesians 5:12, II Kings 17
- We believe that God created mankind in His image, both male and female. Each person's biological sex has been sovereignly appointed by God and is an irreversible aspect of his or her nature. We believe that the first man, Adam, sinned when he disobeyed God and incurred both physical and spiritual judgment and death. Therefore, all mankind (except Jesus Christ) is born with a sinful nature, accountable for their sins and separated from God. Rejection of one's God-ordained biological sexuality reflects a rejection of God's plans and purposes and also causes great harm to people and to God's design for families. Only the saving work of Jesus Christ can reconcile us to God. Genesis 1:26-27; Psalm 51:5; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:10-12, 23; 5:12; 6:23; I Corinthians 15:20-23; Ephesians 2:1-10

- We believe in the salvation of Jesus Christ, that the shedding of His blood on the cross brings about our right standing with God. It is only through the cross that we are saved; there is nothing that we can do to earn salvation. When we accept this gift, we then become a child of God. John 3:16, 6:37, 10:27-30; Romans 5:8, 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; I Timothy 2:3-6; Titus 3:4-7; I Peter 1:18-23
- We believe the Body of Christ is comprised of faithful believers in church congregations across the world and in heaven. All who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior are part of this wider Church called the Body of Christ. Christ Jesus is the head over all things and the Church is His body. Romans 12:5; I Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:20-23
- We believe that Christ Jesus will return a second time. I Thessalonians 4:16; Hebrews 10:37; Revelation 20:1-15
- We believe in the sanctity of marriage, that marriage is only between one man and one woman. Genesis 2:20-24; Matthew 19:4-6; Ephesians 5:31