CONSTITUTION for SELAH of North Texas

Article I

Name

The name of the organization shall be **SELAH of North Texas**, also hereinafter referred to as "the Group."

Article II

Membership

SELAH of North Texas shall be composed of home educating families who desire to affiliate.

Membership dues shall be exacted per family and will be determined each year by the Board.

Those who cease to abide by this Constitution and Member Guidelines, shall be addressed by the Board of the Group for restoration, and if necessary, will be removed from membership by unanimous consent of the Board. (Matthew 18: 15-20)

Article III

Purpose

The purpose of the Group is as follows:

- to provide fellowship and support for home educating families
- to provide to members news and information concerning home education
- to provide group activities and field trips for children, when available
- to strive for enriching environments in which children may build relationships with peers and mixed age groups
- to maintain an attitude of outreach to new or potential home education families

The Group shall not impinge on the rights of parents to educate their children, as parents believe best. SELAH of North Texas is a service organization providing advice and help to members who may use the assistance offered, as they desire.

Article IV

Statement of Faith

We require members to read, but not necessarily agree with, the Statement of Faith.

Complete agreement with the Statement of Faith is required for Board members only.

- We believe the Bible to be the only Word of God, written by men divinely inspired by God, and that it is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man. It has God as its author, salvation for its end, and inerrant truth. (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21).
- We believe there is only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. He reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being (John 1:1).
- We believe Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, born of a virgin (Matthew 1:18), and sinless in His life (Hebrews 4:15). He died on the cross as substitution for sinful men (Hebrews 9:15). He rose bodily from the grave (John 20:1-9) and now reigns with the Father (Acts 2:23). He will return to the earth, both in salvation and judgment (Acts 1:11; Hebrews 9:28).
- We believe all humans are sinful by nature (Romans 3:23) and can only be forgiven by the expression of trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord (John 3:16), brought about by the regeneration work of the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5-7).
- We believe in the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (Romans 8:1-7).

- We believe that God established marriage as a sacred union between one man and one woman and that all intimate sexual activity outside of the marriage relationship is not in accordance with the Word of God. (Genesis 2:24-25, Romans 1:18-31, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, 15-20)
- We believe that God created the human race male and female and that all conduct with the intent to adopt a gender other than one's birth gender is not in accordance with the Word of God. (Genesis 1:26-27)