

Duluth Area Christian Home Educators

FAITH STATEMENTS

To be a member of DACHE in good standing, you must believe the following faith statements and, with the Holy Spirit's help, live them out in word and deed in both your private and public life:

GOD

We believe that there is one eternal, self-existent, immutable God. He is represented in the three-person Holy Trinity by God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; 1 Timothy 1:17)

THE BIBLE

We believe that the Bible is the only infallible and inerrant word of God. It consists of all 66 books found in the Old and New Testaments and is the verbally and fully-inspired, perfectly preserved revelation of God to human authors. We believe it to be the supreme and final authority for all Christian faith and lifestyle. (Psalm 12:6-7; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:21)

SIN/SALVATION

We believe that all men have sinned both by nature and by choice. The penalty for sin is eternal punishment and separation from God. But God, in his mercy, provided His own Son in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ as a substitutionary payment for the sins of mankind. Jesus, fully God and fully man, died, was buried, and rose bodily on the third day. Anyone who repents of their sins and calls upon the name of the Lord Jesus in faith shall be saved and restored into fellowship with God by His grace through the redemptive work of Christ. Upon salvation, a Christian, or Christ-follower, receives the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, which furnishes him with Spiritual gifts and empowers and equips him to Christ-like witness and service. (Ephesians 2:8-9; Acts 16:31; Romans 5:12-21, 6:23, 10:9 John 3:36; Ephesians 1:13)

LIFESTYLE STATEMENTS

To be a member of DACHE in good standing, you must believe the following lifestyle statements, and with the Holy Spirit's help, live them out in word and deed in both your private and public life:

GENDER

We believe God created each person with a fixed biological sex, creating them intentionally as either male or female. Together, these two distinct and complementary genders reflect the nature of God. Rejecting one's biological gender is a rejection of God's specific plans, purposes, and design. (Genesis 1:26-27)

MARRIAGE

We believe that marriage is designed by God and is to be an exclusive, covenantal union between one man and one woman. Additionally, sexual intimacy is reserved solely for marriage. (Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:6, Hebrews 13:4)

SEXUALITY

We believe that any sexual activity outside of God's design is sinful. This includes adultery, sex outside of marriage, homosexual behavior, incest, bestiality, and the use of pornography. (Leviticus 18, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Colossians 3:5)

REDEMPTION

We believe God redeems and restores anyone who confesses their sin, turns away from it, and seeks His mercy through Jesus Christ. His forgiveness of our confessed sin should inform and inspire how we are to forgive others. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Acts 3:19-21, 2 Corinthians 2:5–8, Ephesians 4:32)

DISTINCTIVE STATEMENTS

To be a member of DACHE in good standing, you must acknowledge that, as an organization, we believe the following distinctive statements. While you may not hold to these same views personally, you agree not to detract from, become divisive about, or teach in contradiction to them while participating in DACHE. Additionally, you understand that your children may be taught these perspectives while at co-op:

CREATION

We believe in a recent origin of creation, that God created every living thing after its kind, and that He created man in His own image to steward and have dominion over every other living thing. This creation took place in six literal days and was deemed “good” by God. (Genesis 1:1-26, John 1:3, Colossians 1:16)

HUMAN LIFE

We affirm that every human life is sacred, fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God. Because life is a divine gift, it possesses infinite worth from conception through natural death. We are resolutely called to defend, protect, and advocate for the vulnerable—including the pre-born, the elderly, and the disabled. (Psalm 139)

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

We believe that gathering with fellow believers is a vital spiritual discipline, essential for worship, mutual encouragement, and spiritual growth. By committing to commune with a local body of Christ-followers, one subjects oneself to the accountability, exhortation, authority, and, when needed, the discipline of church leaders. (Hebrews 10:24-25, Colossians 3:16, 1 Corinthians 5:1–13)

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