# Duluth Area Christian Home Educators Statement of Faith

#### 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; I Timothy 1:17)

### THE BIBLE

We believe that the Bible is the only infallible and inherent word of God. It consists of all 66 books found in the Old and New Testaments and was 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 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)

#### SEXUALITY/MARRIAGE

We believe that God created each person as either male or female. These two distinct genders are complimentary and reflect both the image and nature of God. We also believe that marriage is designed by God and is to be an exclusive union between a man and a woman. (Genesis 1:26-27, Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:6, Hebrews 13:4)

## **CREATION**

We believe in a recent origin of creation, that God created every living thing, and that He created man in His own image. This creation took place in six literal days and was deemed "good" by God. (Genesis 1:1-25, John 1:3, Colossians 1:16)