

**BYLAWS
OF THE UNINCORPORATED NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION OF
KATY ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOLERS**

**ARTICLE I.
Name**

The name of this organization shall be Katy Association of Christian Homeschoolers, referred to hereafter as KACH.

**ARTICLE II.
Object**

The object of this organization shall be to support homeschooling families in the Katy, Texas, area with homeschooling resources, social opportunities, and educational opportunities, and to represent the Katy, Texas, homeschool community in a manner that honors Jesus Christ.

**ARTICLE III.
Statement of Faith**

The organization's Statement of Faith consists of the following beliefs:

- (a) The Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God. (2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17; 2 PETER 1: 20-21)
- (b) God has existed from all eternity in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ was God come in human flesh being fully God and fully man except without sin. (DEUTERONOMY 6:4; MATTHEW 28: 18-20)
- (c) Man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and therefore is lost, and only those who put their faith in Jesus Christ are saved. (ROMANS 3:23; 1 JOHN 3:5)
- (d) Salvation is offered as a gift, free to the sinner. This gift must be responded to in individual faith. (EPHESIANS 2:8-9)
- (e) We hold as belief and conviction that children are gifts given by God as a stewardship to the parent and not the state, and that parents have the wherewithal and authority to teach and educate their own children. (ISAIAH 54:13; PSALM 127:3)

**ARTICLE IV.
Members**

Section 1. The membership of this association shall not be limited.

Section 2. Any family who is actively engaged in homeschooling or is intending to homeschool in the next school year is eligible to join KACH, upon signing in agreement with KACH's Statement of Faith. Eligibility shall include attendance at schools with a hybrid model of joint parent and teacher education.

Section 3. Eligible families shall be declared members of KACH upon payment of the current annual dues.

Section 4. Annual dues shall be determined by the Board of Advisors. Dues are payable prior to the start of the membership year, defined as September 1 through August 31 of the following year, or prior to the start of membership, whichever is later. There will be no prorated dues for members joining after September 1. Scholarship awards shall be determined by the Board of Advisors and will be awarded solely on the basis of financial need.

Section 5. Members shall have no voting rights in the business of the organization and are encouraged to bring written and signed suggestions, ideas, problems, or concerns about KACH to a Board of Advisors officer. Subsequently, if desired, members can request an opportunity to attend a public portion of a Board of Advisors meeting to discuss their previously submitted ideas or concerns. The Board reserves the right to call a private Executive Session at any point during the meeting at which sensitive Board business will be discussed.

Section 6. Any member professing a faith contradicting the KACH Statement of Faith at KACH events may be removed from the organization.

Section 7. Any member can be removed for gross misconduct such as, but not limited to, deliberately damaging a facility, stealing from the organization or host facility, threatening another with bodily harm, or continued public harshness or inflammatory language toward other members in writing or in person within KACH online forums or at KACH events.

ARTICLE V. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the organization shall be a President, Vice President of Membership, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and three Advisors. These officers shall constitute the Board of Advisors and perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the organization.

Section 2. Any member who has homeschooled at least three years and been a member of the organization for at least two years is eligible to serve as an officer, unless otherwise approved by the Board of Advisors.

Section 3. A Nominating Committee of three members of the Board of Advisors shall be appointed by the President. It shall be the duty of this committee to identify, contact, and secure candidates for the upcoming open positions on the Board of Advisors.

Section 4. The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Advisors at a properly convened Board meeting.

Section 5. No member shall hold more than one office at a time.

Section 6. Terms of office shall be two years from September 1 through August 31. Terms will be staggered so that no more than half of the officers shall be replaced in any given year. No term limits on officers shall be imposed.

Section 7. A vacancy in any officer position will be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Advisors at a properly convened Board meeting for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 8. Any officer can be removed by a five-sevenths (5/7) vote of the Board of Advisors in favor at a properly convened Board meeting, when, in its judgment, such officer has been found to be unable to complete duties as required in the bylaws or is professing a faith contradictory of the KACH Statement of Faith.

ARTICLE VI. Officer Responsibilities

Section 1. President shall coordinate all aspects of KACH. Specific responsibilities include calling meetings of the Board of Advisors as necessary and/or required throughout the year, preparing meeting agendas, proposing the annual budget with input from the Treasurer and Board of Advisors, and coordinating activities of all other officers.

Section 2. Vice President of Membership shall be in charge of admitting new members and maintaining all membership records for the organization. The Vice President shall assume the responsibilities of President in the absence of the President.

Section 3. Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining an organized accounting and making all transactions for organization funds. Specific responsibilities include maintaining accounting books for the organization funds and necessary documentation; making timely deposits for all funds collected by the organization; writing checks for expenses and reimbursements; reporting budget status and funds balance to the Board of Advisors; and providing a final accounting of organization funds to the Board of Advisors at the end of the year.

Section 4. Recording Secretary shall record minutes at all Board meetings, maintain permanent records of all minutes, read minutes of previous meeting at Board meetings, record changes and replace in the permanent record, and maintain all hard copy documentation of the organization.

Section 5. Advisors shall assume responsibilities for the business of the organization as assigned by the President.

ARTICLE VII. Meetings

Section 1. Meetings of the organization shall be determined by the Board of Advisors as necessary to conduct the business of the organization.

Section 2. An annual meeting shall be held once per year. All members will be notified in writing as to the meeting date, time, and location. This meeting shall be for the purpose of introducing the Board of Advisors and for any other business that may arise.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the President or by the Board of Advisors and shall be called upon the written request of ten members of the organization. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least three day's notice shall be given.

ARTICLE VIII. The Board of Advisors

Section 1. The officers of the organization shall constitute the Board of Advisors.

Section 2. The Board of Advisors shall have full power and authority over the affairs of the organization.

Section 3. The Board of Advisors shall meet no less than once per quarter, called by the President, and as necessary to conduct the business of the organization. A properly convened meeting shall require written notice of no less than seven days to all officers. Special meetings may also be called upon the written request of three members of the Board of Advisors. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least three days' notice shall be given.

Section 4. A majority of the Board of Advisors shall constitute a quorum to vote on all organization business. If a quorum is not present, a majority of those present may vote to postpone the meeting to another time.

Section 5. Any action normally taken at meetings of the Board of Advisors may be taken without a meeting if consent by a majority of the Board of Advisors is given. This excludes changes to KACH Bylaws. These actions should be recorded in the next official meeting's minutes.

Section 6. The act of the majority of the Board of Advisors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board, unless the vote of a greater number is required by these bylaws.

Section 7. Members of the Board of Advisors shall not receive any stated salaries or compensation for services on the Board. Nothing herein stated shall preclude any Board member from being reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses incurred while fulfilling Board duties as previously approved in the annual budget.

ARTICLE IX. Committees

Committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the President as the Board of Advisors shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on the work of the organization. The President shall be ex officio a member of all committees, except for the Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE X. IRS 501(c)(3) Tax Exemption Provisions

Section 1. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the object of the organization set forth in Article II.

Section 2. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE XI.

Previous Bylaws and Constitutions Superseded

These Bylaws, as revised, supersede all provisions of any previous Katy Association of Christian Homeschoolers Constitutions or Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII.

Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the organization may adopt.

ARTICLE XIII.

Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Advisors by a five-sevenths (5/7) vote of the Board of Advisors in favor, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous Board of Advisors meeting.

ARTICLE XIV.

Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.