

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

### MCKINNEY AREA CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOLERS

#### MARCh Statement of Faith

- a. **Purpose.** The purpose of the membership Statement of Faith is to state the governing principles by which MARCh operates.
- b. **Application.** The Statement of Faith is applied to MARCh members in the following manner:
  1. **MARCh Members.** For all potential or current MARCh member families, prior to being accepted into membership or renewed for membership, the following standards shall apply:
    - a. **Affirmation of Entire Statement of Faith.** At least one parent or guardian shall affirm, in writing, his or her personal agreement with, belief in, and acceptance of the entire content of the Statement of Faith, and shall state that he or she shall agree to abide by same.
    - b. **Substitute Statement of Faith Acknowledgement.** If any parent or guardian does not join his or her spouse in the affirmation stated in subsection (a) above, he or she shall instead acknowledge, in writing, that he or she understands that the beliefs listed in the Statement of Faith constitute the guiding principles of MARCh, and that he or she agrees to abide by the Statement of Faith.
    - c. **Failure to Abide by Statement of Faith Affirmation/ Acknowledgement.** If any parent or guardian fails to meet the requirements regarding the Statement of Faith set forth in subsections (a) and/or (b) above, said family will become ineligible to become or to remain a member of MARCh, and the Board shall, in a timely manner, notify the family of the imposition of said consequence. Potential and current MARCh members shall be advised of the requirements listed in subsections (a) and (b) above in prominent wording on the MARCh Membership Application form, one of the documents of the MARCh membership application/renewal materials.
  2. **Adult Children of MARCh Member Families.** Before being allowed to teach or help at MARCh enrichment cooperative classes on a volunteer basis, any adult child of a MARCh family shall be required to sign a separate Statement of Faith in addition to that of his or her family, that shall affirm, in writing, that he or she personally agrees with, believes in, and accepts the entire content of the Statement of Faith, and that he or she agrees to abide by same. For the

purposes of this section, an adult child of a MArCH family is defined as any child who has graduated from high school and who is no longer eligible to enroll in MArCH high school enrichment or credit classes.

3. **Enrichment Participants.** Only MArCH parents or guardians who have affirmed, in writing, that they personally agree with, believe in, and accept the entire content of the Statement of Faith, and that they agree to abide by same, shall be allowed to teach, co-teach or to be helpers at enrichment cooperative classes, or to be involved in any of the other volunteer activities connected with enrichment (such as clean-up, set-up, and so forth). If the aforementioned enrichment participant has a spouse who has declined to affirm the entire Statement of Faith (see Article III – Membership – Section 3(b)(1)(a) above), the non-affirming spouse will not be permitted to participate in MArCH enrichment in any capacity. Before any MArCH member commences any such volunteer involvement connected with the enrichment cooperative setting, Enrichment Committee members as designated by the Enrichment Director shall verify that the member has affirmed, in writing, his or her agreement with the entire Statement of Faith as outlined in the above Section 3(b)(1)(a). (Also, see Article III – Membership – Sections (3)(c)(1) and (3)(c)(2) below regarding Statement of Faith documentation.)
4. **MArCH Leadership Positions.** The following requirements regarding the Statement of Faith shall apply to MArCH members who hold leadership positions within the organization:
  - a. **Board, Enrichment Committee, and Department Head Positions.** With respect to MArCH members who intend to seek, or do in fact occupy, the positions of Board officers, Enrichment Committee members, or Department Heads, *both* spouses or guardians of said MArCH families shall have affirmed, in writing, that they personally agree with, believe in, and accept the entire content of the Statement of Faith, and that they agree to abide by same. With respect to Department Heads, said requirement to affirm personal agreement with the entire Statement of Faith will apply to new Department Heads who assume their positions during and after the 2014-2015 school year; this requirement will not apply to MArCH members who already hold the position of Department Head as of the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.
  - b. **All Other MArCH Leadership Positions.** With respect to MArCH members who occupy any other MArCH leadership position, such as membership on any of the various MArCH committees (the Yearbook Committee, the Lunch Committee, the Senior Committee, the Scholarship Committee, and so forth), only the spouse who holds the designated position is required to have affirmed, in writing, that he or she personally agrees with, believes in,

and accepts the entire content of the Statement of Faith, and that he or she agrees to abide by same. It is desired that such leaders' spouses will also have affirmed the same position with respect to the Statement of Faith, but it shall be acceptable for such leaders' spouses to have declined to affirm this same position. If a leader's spouse has declined to affirm this same position regarding the Statement of Faith, see Article III – Membership – Section 3(b)(1)(b), for the content of the further statement to which the leader's spouse must agree.

**c. Documentation.** The following policies govern documentation of the Statement of Faith:

1. **Requirements:** The requirements for keeping accurate written and online records with respect to members' agreement with the Statement of Faith is as follows:

**a. All Leadership Positions.** Careful written and online records with respect to the Statement of Faith documents signed by all MArCH members shall be maintained by the MArCH Membership Director and shall be made available to all Board members, Nominating Committee members, and Enrichment Committee members who have been authorized to have access to them by the Enrichment Director in connection with the process of leadership selection. Prior to any MArCH member being considered for *any* leadership position within MArCH, the person(s) involved in the leadership selection process shall consult these completed Statement of Faith records regarding said person and his or her spouse. This Statement of Faith document review shall occur prior to any person in leadership communicating with a MArCH member that he or she is being considered for a leadership position within the organization.

**b. All Other MArCH Members.** Said Statement of Faith records shall be made available for review by Board members and/or Enrichment Committee members, when there shall exist a legitimate need to have access to said information.

2. **Purpose.** The purpose of keeping accurate written and online records with respect to members' agreement with the Statement of Faith is as follows:

**a. Board, Enrichment Committee and Department Head Positions.** Such recordkeeping shall be maintained and utilized for the purpose of ascertaining that *both* spouses of a MArCH member family under consideration for one of these leadership positions have affirmed the entire

Statement of Faith in full, indicating a personal belief in and agreement with all aspects of the Statement of Faith, and an agreement to abide by same.

- b. All Other MArCH Leadership Positions.** Such recordkeeping shall be maintained and utilized for the purpose of ascertaining that the individuals themselves under consideration for other MArCH leadership positions have in fact affirmed the entire Statement of Faith in full, indicating a personal belief in and agreement with all aspects of the Statement of Faith, and an agreement to abide by same. Examples of such leadership positions include membership on any of the various MArCH committees, such as the Yearbook Committee, the Lunch Committee, the Senior Committee, or the Scholarship Committee.
- c. All Other MArCH Members.** Such recordkeeping shall be maintained and utilized for the purpose of making Statement of Faith records available for review by Board members and/or Enrichment Committee members should the statements made therein be called into question.

**d. Content:**

1. I believe the Bible to be the inspired and the only infallible authoritative, inerrant Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21).
2. I believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who created all things in heaven and on Earth, including all human life (Genesis 1:1-28, 5:1-2; John 10:30, 37-38).
3. I believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and propitiating death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:35; John 2:11, 11:25; Acts 1:11; Romans 3:25; Colossians 1:14; Hebrews 4:15, 7:25, 9:12; 1 John 2:2, 4:10; Revelation 19:11-16).
4. I believe that man was created in the image of God but fell into sin, and is therefore sinful by nature and is lost, and that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential and an absolute necessity for his salvation (John 3:16-19; Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:18-19; Titus 3:5-6).
5. I believe in the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is able to live a godly life (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 4:30, 5:18).

6. I believe in the eternal existence of both the saved and the lost. They who are saved are saved unto eternal life, and they who are lost are condemned unto eternal damnation (John 5:28-29).
7. I believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Galatians 3:26-28).