By-Laws for AAA

Article 1 – Name, Purpose, Location

Section 1 – The name of this organization shall be AAA.

Section 2 – AAA is organized exclusively for religious and educational purposes. The mission of AAA is to love and honor Christ as we encourage, educate and engage with the local community of homeschool families.

Section 3 – The principle office location of AAA shall be located in Wilson County in the State of Tennessee. The organization may have any number of offices at such places as the Executive Board may determine.

Article 2 – Statement of Faith

I. **The Word of God:**

The Bible is the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21)

II. **The Trinity:**

Within the one Being that is God, there has existed from all eternity three coequal Persons; God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 6:4, 2 Corinthians 13:14, John 1:1-2, 14)

III. **Salvation:**

All men are in violation of God’s righteous requirements and His holy character both by nature and act. (Romans 3:23 and 5:12, Ephesians 2:1-2) Salvation is offered as a gift, free to the sinner. This gift must be responded to by faith, not by any personal works, but in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ alone. (Acts 13:38-39; Romans 6:23;Ephesians 2:8-9)

Article 3 - Membership

The qualification for membership in this organization are:

* Members must be legally homeschooling in the state of Tennessee.
* Members must be able to fulfill the parent/guardian responsibilities.
* Members must agree that while they are at AAA events, including on the AAA website, email list, or Facebook page, they will not make statements or engage in conduct opposing the Statement of Faith, the Mission Statement, or the Statement of Belief Regarding Marriage, Family, and Human Sexuality.

Article 4 – Meetings

Section 1 – The date of the regular annual meeting shall be determined by the Executive Board who will also set the time and place.

Section 2 – Regular meetings of the Executive Board may be held at such place and time as shall be designated by the standing resolution of the Board.

### Article 5 – Executive Board

Section 1 – The business of the organization shall be managed by an Executive Board comprised of at least three and no more than five members. The Board is responsible for maintaining the overall policy and direction of the organization. The Board shall delegate responsibility of day-to-day operations to the Coordinator and appropriate committees overseen by the Leadership Team, which shall include both the Executive Board and appointed Ministry Team Leaders. Board members shall receive no compensation (other than reasonable reimbursement expenses) for their service on the Board.

Section 2 – The Board shall meet at least once per year at an agreed upon time and location.

Section 3 – All Board members shall serve for a one year term and are eligible for re-election.

Section 4 – Any Executive Board member may be removed from office without assigning any cause by the vote of the Board at any meeting of the Board.

Section 5 – Any Executive Board member may resign at any time by giving notice to the organization.

Section 6 – In the event of a vacancy on the Board (including situations where the number of Board members has been deemed necessary to increase), the Executive Board shall fill the vacancy based on recommendations from the Leadership Team.

Section 7 – A quorum must be attended by at least 60 percent of the Board members before business can be transacted or motions made or passed.

Section 8 – The officers of the organization shall be Coordinator, Treasurer, and Membership Coordinator. The Executive Board shall appoint each of these officers. The Board may also appoint other officers it deems necessary.

Section 9 – Executive Board Chair/Coordinator

The Chair shall convene regularly scheduled Board meetings and shall preside or arrange for other Directors to preside at each meeting in the following order: Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 10– Treasurer/Secretary

The Treasurer shall make a report at each Board meeting. The treasurer shall assist in the preparation of the budget, help develop fundraising plans, and make financial information available to Board members and the public. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping records of Board actions, including overseeing the taking of minutes at all board meetings, sending out meeting announcements, distributing copies of minutes and the agenda to each Board member, and assuring that corporate records are maintained.

Section 11– Membership Coordinator/Vice Chair

The Membership Coordinator sets up and maintains the database, welcomes new members, and is the communication link between the Executive Leadership Team and the co-op families. The Vice Chair will chair committees on special subjects as designated by the board. In addition, the Vice Chair will facilitate meetings in the absence of the Board Chair.

### Article 6 – Ministry Team

Section 1 – The Executive Board shall approve Ministry Team members recommended by the Leadership Team

Section 2 – Any Ministry Team Leader may be removed from office without assigning any cause by the vote of the Board at the recommendation of the Leadership Team at any meeting of the Board.

Section 3 – Ministry Team Leaders will not be compensated via salary for their service as an officer of the Board.

Section 4 – The Executive Board may create ministry team leaders as needed, such as fundraising, public relations, and program committees. The Board Chair shall appoint all committee chairs.

Section 5 – No Ministry Team Leader shall adopt, amend or repeal the by-laws, amend or repeal any resolution of the Board, or act on matters committed by the by-laws or resolution of the Board to another committee of the Board.

#### Article 7 - IRC 501(c)3 Tax Exemption Provisions

a. Upon the dissolution of AAA, assets shall be distributed to the host church.

b. AAA is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. No part of the net earnings of AAA net earnings 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 purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof.

c. No substantial part of the activities of AAA shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

d. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, 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 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 corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article 8 – Amendments

Section 1 – These By-laws may be amended when deemed necessary by a simple majority vote of the Executive Board. Article 2 and Article 7(a) are irrevocable and not subject to amendment.