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Church Affiliation	1. Have you accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal savior? If so, please provide a brief summary of your testimony of your faith in Jesus Christ.
Grace URC	<p>After being raised in the Catholic church, I met a person that challenged my faith. I realized at the age of 15 that my actions whether good or bad would not send me to Heaven or Hell. I am already doomed for hell without the blood of Christ. I accepted Christ as my savior then. Since I have been on a journey of growing in the Lord and allowing Him to guide me. I believe that in all things I must not lean on my own understanding, but to trust the One who knows me best. It's not the easiest to walk in faith and many times I have felt like I was falling off a ledge, but every single time the Lord has kept me. I am so grateful for His redeeming love because without it I would not have the strength to go on.</p>
The Bridge - West Berlin Wesleyan Church	<p>I was born into a Christian home and found Christ early in my life, though truly growing and living my life for Christ came much much later. Over the past decade God has led me to become a wife and a mother, and through those years brought me closer to Him through relationships with homeschooling moms. Through some extended family struggles, We have learned to trust and lean on Him more and more. He has blessed us in so many ways, yet continues to teach us and mold us.</p>
Outreach Christian Church	<p>Absolutely! I grew up not knowing Him. My mother found s relationship with Him when I was in high school. At the time I wasn't interested but after many people praying for me and the Holy Spirit convicting me, I made the decision. Though I believed and was faithful, I believe at the time it was mostly out of fear. It wasn't until 2010 that I truly got to know Him intimately.</p>
Grace Community Church	<p>I have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal savior. I first accepted Him into my heart when I was 19 years old during the funeral of my, at the time, boyfriend's grandfather. I didn't; however, repent from my sinful ways and live the life approved by the Lord. I continued to live my godless sinful ways until I met my husband. After we had been dating a few months I began to attend his church regularly. I reaffirmed my faith and began to repent my sins and live a true believers way. It was a long road and my husband and I didn't make an honest effort until we had Jackie, our first born. We made a commitment to live for God and raise our children in the same manner. I continue to grow in my faith and find ways to share my story as much as I can.</p>

2. How did you first become aware of Agape Homeschool Group?

Aug 2014 via a web search

A simple search for homeschool groups, when my oldest was about 18 months, brought me to Agape. At that point, I was interested in the homeschooling concept and my husband wasn't has much, but we thought we would get involved for the preschool years and see if it was something we wanted to continue into school years. It didn't take me long to realize that it was something that I wanted for our children, and my husband wasn't too far behind. We started Agape its very first semester and have enjoyed every year since.

Through Outreach.

I believe I found the group a year ago when I was searching on the internet for homeschool groups in the area. I have known Dawn Reser for a long time and she mentioned she started bringing her kids to agape. We didn't register and sign up for winter semester in time so we just became members and started this current school year.

3. Are you currently homeschooling your children? If not, please describe your involvement, if any, within the homeschooling community.

I have been homeschooling since becoming a mom over 16 years ago. Currently I am educating 2 in high school, 2 in middle school, 3 in elementary, 2 in preschool and 1 in nursery school.

Yes, we are currently homeschooling.

Yes

Yes I am homeschooling our children. This is our second year. I have attended other co-op group meetings, met with other homeschool families, researched groups/co-ops in the area. We have only been involved with AGAPE.

4. Are you a current member of Agape Homeschool Group?

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

5. How many years have you been a member of Agape Homeschool Group?

1.5

5

4? Honestly not sure.

less than one, this is our first year attending

**6. What are your thoughts of Agape Homeschool Groups current vision?
The vision of Agape Homeschool Group is to be an established and enduring Christ- centered organization which equips homeschool families for God's purposes by meeting a variety of educa**

I would like to see Agape become more apparent in our community. There are many people who think they can't homeschool and I would like to show them they can. By being apart of a community of other homeschooling mom's they might be able to find the encouragement they need to home educate their own children.

Homeschooling is hard, therefore having an organization that is supportive in regards to the home education is vital for anyone embarking on this journey. Education comes in all styles across all subjects and Agape should be able to provide support to all families in a Christ centered fashion. Beyond education is the more crucial part of life-relationships, family. Being able to provide a Christian support to the importance of relationships and families is the cornerstone of that we should rest upon. Building our members relationship with Christ, their spouse, their children, their neighbors and others should be the primary goal. This can be achieved through the educational needs of the families.

I believe it's right on.

Yes I agree with the vision of AGAPE. We cannot always be there for our children making sure they are making the right choices in life. If we at the very least raise them in a loving and grace filled home where serving God became the number one reason for our time on earth, then all we can do is PRAY that they continue to master that knowledge as they grow older. Our children will learn from our examples. We need to not only teach them with our mouths but with our actions as well.

7. What gifts, talents and experience would you bring to Agape Homeschool Group?

A total people person and mom of 10 gives me a heart for other mama's out there. I love to give advice and encouragement to help other moms know there is no super women. God made you the mother of your children therefor the best person for the job of raising your kids.

I enjoy envisioning the future for Agape, administrative work, and have several years of experience leading Agape.

This is where I honestly struggle. I'm not sure I can pick out my gifts and talents. I love helping people and I have a heart to serve.

I can run a business. I am, technically, the Office Manager of the Township where I am the elected Clerk. I manage our business Arnold Erb Electric. I also am the secretary/treasurer for two family reunion groups.

I am very computer/electronic technology savvy, not only with operating but gutting and putting back together.

I love to take photographs.

I am a quick study, a good problem solver, have a fun outgoing personality, can work with anybody and love to serve anyway I can.

8. Why are you interested in serving on the board?

I feel led to share the wisdom I have learned through trial and error over the years as well as become encouraged by the many people I meet.

It is a passion and calling. God closed a door on another non-profit I was working toward, when the Agape board needed someone several years ago. It seemed like a good fit and since then have been blessed with the calling to encourage families that have chosen home education. I feel at home at Agape and wish to share those same feelings with others that may be seeking the refuge of a homeschool group to support them on their personal and family educational endeavors.

I remember thinking I could never homeschool and that I wasn't smart enough. I would love to encourage others who may feel intimidated like I did and help equip them with resources and support.

I want to see strong personnel on the Board of Directors that not only can run the organization currently but also has insight on future growth. I feel I fit into the category of people who has vision and are willing to make tough, smart decisions to continue leading the organization in a faith based but business sense route. My qualities above put me in a position to qualify for a board seat.

9. Describe both current and past positions held, services performed for other non-profit organization or ministries?

None. Never had time before while having a houseful of little people.

I had previously served on the board for 4 years, most recently as director. I am currently serving on the vision and banquet committees.

I have served as liaison for agape as well as on the leadership team.

I served as the secretary/treasurer for Lakewood Soccer Club - 1 year
I serve as the Clerk for Carlton Township Board - current
I served on the Lakewood Christian School Board - briefly at the end
I have volunteered at Manna's Market, United Way Barry County, Family Support Center of Barry County, as well as in my church and the public schools
I served as the President for the Barry County Clerks Association - 2 years

10. Does your spouse and family support your involvement with Agape Homeschool Group?

Yes

I have their support as long as I don't allow it to rule all my time and energy.

Yes

Yes my husband supports my decision to become further involved with AGAPE.

11. What is one area of growth you hope to improve on in the upcoming year?

There are so many areas of growth, but the main one is as always.....growing in my knowledge of the Lord and learning to always put my trust in Him.

Maintaining proper priorities. God - Family - Farm - Agape. My relationship with Christ must always come first, then with my husband and children. The farm business is our livelihood, that must take precedence to ensure a smooth running operation. Agape is my passion and truly believe a worthy cause, but if I allow it to run my priorities, it will be all for naught.

I hope to build self confidence and organization:)

Bible Knowledge, always working on strengthening my faith.

12. When given the task of making a decision, what is your process?

I process all the options in the situation, pray about it, talk to others about it and ultimately make a decision.

Depends on the importance of the decision. What to make for dinner - whatever is efficient. How to plan the budget for the year - I need to research and analyze. Learning to consult in prayer more before making a decision.

Pray and seek council if needed.

Big decisions such as this, prayer is first then discuss with family. Small decisions like making dinner I decide on dinner and "pray" I don't burn it. Prayer and support of my husband are always involved in many decisions I/we make.

13. What type of responsibilities are you comfortable handling?

Cold calling, visiting perspective families and hosting events to get to know people better.

I am comfortable handling any needs of Agape, but truly desire to stay away from the finances. Numbers are not a strong suit of mine.

Mostly behind the scenes.

I am willing to tackle most any responsibility handed to me as long as I feel it is the right thing for me and with the support of my God and Husband.

14. Is there someone who would be willing to write a letter of recommendation for you or who would be willing to be a reference? If so, provide name and email. (pastor or non-relative who is in a leadership role)	Personal Reference Name
Yes	Michael Schout
Yes	Joel Leipprandt Jr
Yes	Shannan Hull
Yes	Marti Horrmann

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15. Have you read the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors and the Committees? [View/Download](#)

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

16. Are you willing to sign the Statement of Faith? View/Download

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

17. Do you give your permission to have a yearly background check?

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

18. Are you willing to make a two year commitment to serve on the Board of Directors of Agape? This would include monthly meetings, volunteering for special projects and participating in other committees.

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

19. You will be expected to participate in one or more of the following committees. For which one(s) do you see yourself being the largest asset and why? (Community Service, Family Enrichment, Fundraising, Marketing & Communications, and/or Visionary) Vie	Date Created
1. Family Enrichment 2. Community Service	2015-12-29 07:43:56
I am happy to serve on any of these committees, but feel strongest about Marketing and Communications and Visionary.	2016-01-12 03:50:44
I would like to wait and see where I'm needed and fit in.	2016-01-15 15:03:01
I am willing to serve on any committee that has a need. The two that jump out at me are the Community Service and Marketing.	2016-01-20 12:03:13

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