

By Mari

Back in the 1980's I wanted to teach my young children at home. Home schooling was not legal by any means; in fact, several parents lost their children to the system because of home schooling. The government used the argument of child neglect and won. How was I going to accomplish my goal without losing my children?

I met up with like-minded individuals and helped form a religious society to allow us to home school and be protected by the law. It was interdenominational—we all stayed with our own churches but specialized into our belief of home schooling. It was a way to retain our freedom and our children.

This society started with a handful of involved parents into many. We had our own legal counsel (paid with our membership) and started a newsletter to connect and educate the public. This society was instrumental in getting Iowa to accept home schooling as lawful.

I recently talked to a political candidate about alternative medicine. He was very much for freedom of choice. He also told me (off the record) that perhaps it was time to form a religious society to provide safety for all spiritual healings including acupuncture and homeopathy. The federal government is now in the process of eliminating the medical freedom of choice—no matter what the states decide. He felt this could be a good way to safe guard our belief in homeopathy and other alternative medicines. It must be set up before the laws get passed however, so the timeframe is important.

I have great faith in homeopathy, hands on healing, and God. I remember an old joke of a man stranded on his house top with flooding water swirling around him. A canoe, motorboat, and a helicopter were offered but the man insisted that God would save him. He died and went to Heaven where he asked God why He didn't save him. God said, "I sent you a canoe, motorboat, and a helicopter. What more did you want?"