

Constitution of the Christian Leadership Council

Article I: Name of the Organization

The name of this organization is the Christian Leadership Council, hereafter referred to as CLC.

Article II: Purpose of the Organization

Section A: The purpose of this organization is to be a unifying agent amongst Christian students and the various Christian groups functioning on campus, which then provides an organized framework for leadership and our common efforts, improving our witness to our Lord who calls us to be one in faith.

Section B: The common calling of all Christians is the reason for this organization's existence and efforts, that this organization will proclaim, bear witness to, and live the Christian faith, particularly reaching out to other students so that they might come to know and follow Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior.

Section C: Consequently, this organization provides a form of ministry supervised by the Chaplain, carrying out the vision of the Edwin Blair Lindsay Chaplaincy Fund. In doing so, this organization helps to fulfill the historic purpose of this school to prepare students to serve God and the good of society, and also helps to fulfill the University's mission and values that have been set forth since 1998.

Article III: Doctrinal Basis of the Organization

Section A: Belief in and acceptance of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit constitute the doctrinal basis for the Christian Leadership Council. We believe in God who revealed Himself in the person and work of Jesus, as witnessed to by Scripture and illumined by the Spirit.

Section B: This doctrinal basis is specifically expressed in the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds, which are virtually accepted by all Christian faith communities and traditions, and which summarize what a Christian is to believe about God from the Bible.

Section C: We will strive to have unity in the essentials of our faith, and charity in our differences. Where appropriate, the distinctives of the Reformed tradition will provide a basis for understanding our faith and for talking about differences. A working motto is that we will be tolerant of what is contrary to ourselves, but intolerant of what is contrary to Christ. Thus, we acknowledge that Jesus is the Head of the Church.

Article IV: Qualifications for Membership

Section A: Participation in and membership of CLC should be distinguished from involvement in "Campus Ministry." In the widest sense, Campus Ministry is really every Christian faculty, staff, and student, practicing their faith commitment on this campus, reaching out to others. In the narrower sense, Campus Ministry refers to those activities coordinated out of the Chaplain's office and that promote Christian fellowship on campus. All are welcome to attend the events and activities of "Campus Ministry," and the related entities.

Section B: Eligible membership in CLC specifically is first determined by being a leader in the following ways:

- 1) Serving as an officer for Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA),
- 2) Serving as an officer for Catholic Spartans (CS), and
- 3) Serving as a small group Bible study leader.

The membership body then approves the officers of CLC and any chair-persons of committees or any leaders of teams that are organized by CLC. Students serving as officers of CLC or chair-persons/team-leaders then become members of CLC—even if not being a leader as described above—while serving in their position, contingent upon their agreement with the purpose of CLC (see “Section C” below).

Section C: Eligible members become members of CLC if they agree with the mission, vision, and doctrinal basis of CLC. Members accept the following responsibilities: 1) uphold the CLC Covenant that describes the basics of living out the Christian faith on campus, 2) attend CLC meetings when called, 3) elect executive officers, and 4) vote on changes to the constitution.

Article V: Officers of the Organization

Section A: The executive offices of CLC shall be (3): president, vice-president/representative to SGA, and secretary/treasurer.

Section B: Nominations for officers will be put forth by the Chaplain and current members of CLC. The chaplain and any current executive officers will review the candidates and make any recommendations deemed necessary to the entire membership body before voting on those nominated. If any are nominated who are not current members, the election of such an officer will be contingent upon the student accepting the criteria for membership of CLC along with the responsibilities of that office.

Section C: For the purpose of SGA and pertinent policies and practices, the Advisor of CLC shall be the Edwin B. Lindsay Chaplain or his/her designee.

Article VI: Meetings

While the committees/teams of CLC will be an ongoing work and may meet frequently, and while the members themselves will be involved in the activities and meetings of FCA, CS, and small group Bible studies, *meetings of CLC will only occur as needed*, with a minimum of once per year.

Through at least one meeting per year, CLC will approve any necessary budgets, appoint chair-persons/team-leaders, and elect officers.

Article VII: Amendments

All amendments to this constitution must be presented to CLC by the Chaplain and the Executive Officers and passed by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of CLC. Prior to being voted upon, all amendments to this constitution require written notice to all members at least one week ahead of time, and must be voted upon and a duly called meeting where at least half of the members are then present. Approved amendments then must be presented to the SGA and the Office of Student Activities within 5 business days of their passage.