

ALL NATIONS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Cleveland State University

Constitution

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the
Cleveland State University ALL NATIONS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

ARTICLE II: Purpose

Section 1:

The purpose of the Fellowship shall be:

- A. To conduct regular student-led worship and praise services and provide Christian teaching in a non-denominational Christian context for people of all nations.
- B. To promote leadership training for Christian Internationals who are interested in becoming leaders in the Christian community.
- C. To teach Christian values, principles and truths in a safe, non-judgmental environment to anyone who is interested or curious to learn about Christianity, regardless of his/her beliefs, nationality, religion or cultural background.
- D. To extend Christian love, hospitality and friendship to people of all faiths, cultures and ethnic backgrounds.
- E. To schedule a regular social event, at least once each semester, for activities for Christian students of all nations and their friends, regardless of beliefs, culture, nationality or religion.

Section 2:

The Fellowship shall coordinate and promote programs and fund raising events which support the goals of the organization.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1:

Membership in the Cleveland State University ALL NATIONS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP shall be open to any and all students, faculty and staff at Cleveland State University (hereafter called the University). Active membership shall be determined by current enrollment or employment at the University. Once a student graduates or ceases to be a student at the University, his/her active membership in the Fellowship shall cease.

Section 2:

Any member may be removed from membership for violation of the purposes of the organization by a two-thirds vote of the membership. All members must be notified of this pending action at least one week prior to the removal decision. Written charges by a member are to be presented to the Executive Committee who will notify the member in questions with two weeks given for the member to answer charges at a meeting of the membership. Voting for removal from membership is to be done by secret ballot within one week of the meeting. The member in question must be notified immediately of the outcome of the vote.

(Article III: MEMBERSHIP, continued)

Section 3

It shall be stated as part of the policy of the Cleveland State University ALL NATIONS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP that there shall be no form or type of discrimination in the Fellowship, whether it be due to one's race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, age, handicap or disability, special disabled veterans or Vietnam veteran's status.

Section 4:

With membership in the Cleveland State University ALL NATIONS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP shall come full floor and voting privileges on any and all items of Fellowship business, including resolutions, items of legislation, bylaws and elections.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1:

The officers shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The officers shall be responsible for all administrative duties of the Cleveland State University ALL NATIONS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

Section 2:

The president shall have the power to establish and maintain operation procedures of the Fellowship, call meetings, and answer for all actions of the other officers. The president shall be able to vote in all decisions affecting the Fellowship, schedule meetings, social events, worship services and other activities of the Fellowship. The president shall also have the authority to apply for the use of University facilities on behalf of the Fellowship.

Section 3:

The vice president shall assist the president with all administrative duties and assume those duties in the absence of the president. The vice president shall be able to vote in all decisions affecting the Fellowship, schedule meetings, social events, worship services and other activities of the Fellowship. The vice president shall also have the authority to apply for the use of University facilities on behalf of the Fellowship.

Section 4:

The secretary shall keep accurate and detailed records of all meetings and affairs, send/transmit all official Fellowship correspondence, and coordinate preparation and distribution of Fellowship information and publications. The secretary shall also have the authority to apply for the use of University facilities on behalf of the Fellowship

(ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS (continued))

Section 5:

The treasurer shall receive and distribute Fellowship funds upon the authorization of any other member of the executive committee in accordance with the financial rules and regulations of the University and the laws of the State of Ohio, and make financial reports at all Executive Committee meetings and at the regular meetings of the Fellowship. The treasurer shall also have the authority to apply for the use of University facilities on behalf of the Fellowship

Section 6:

The elected officers shall form the Executive Committee.

Section 7:

All elected officers must meet any and all requirements for holding office as stated in the Student Handbook.

ARTICLE V: ELECTIONS

Section 1:

The president, vice president, secretary and treasurer shall be elected by the members of the Fellowship to serve a term of one year. Elections shall be held at the first regular meeting of the Cleveland State University ALL NATIONS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP . Annual elections shall be held on Friday of the twelfth week of the spring semester. The officers shall be elected by means of a secret ballot. The term of office for all officers shall begin on the first day of May during the Spring semester and end on the same day of the following year.

Section 2.

Nominations of candidates for Fellowship officer positions shall be from the floor of the meeting by any Fellowship member. Nominees for officer positions must be Fellowship members for the current semester.

Section 3:

Voting shall take place after the close of nominations for each office. Officers shall be elected by majority vote of those members present, provided quorum is met.

Section 4:

The order of succession shall be: (1) president, (2) vice president, (3) secretary, and (4) treasurer.

(ARTICLE V: ELECTIONS continued)

Section 5:

Vacancies occurring in any of the elected offices shall be officially filled at the next regular Fellowship meeting following the occurrence of such a vacancy or vacancies. The order of succession shall be followed in the filling of any vacant office during any unexpired term. If an officer declines to succeed to a vacant office, then an election shall be held to fill the office for the remainder of the unexpired term. The election procedure for filling the unexpired term of a vacant office shall be the same as for the normal procedure for elections.

ARTICLE VI: APPOINTMENTS

Section 1:

The president shall appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, such positions as may contribute to the successful operation of the Fellowship.

ARTICLE VII: REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Section 1:

Any officer may be removed from office for failure to perform his/her prescribed duties by a two thirds vote of the membership, provided that all members are notified of this pending action at least one week prior to the removal decision. Removal from office can occur either for failure to carry out the responsibilities of that office, or for actions which violate the purposes of the organization. Written charges by a member are to be presented to the Executive Committee who will notify the officer in question with one week for the officer to answer charges at a meeting of the membership. Voting for removal from office is to be done by secret ballot.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

Section 1:

General membership meetings shall be held monthly on the first Friday, with additional meetings called by the Executive Committee as needed. Notice of additional meetings must be given to all club members in the most timely manner possible, but not less than one week. The official means of notifying members shall be agreed upon at the first meeting held after the election of a new executive committee.

Section 2:

The Executive Committee shall meet when called by the president or staff advisor.

Section 3:

Official notice of the meeting at which the election of Fellowship officers shall take place must be provided to all Fellowship Members not less than two weeks prior to such meeting.

(ARTICLE VII: REMOVAL FROM OFFICE continued)

Section 4:

Quorum shall be defined as fifty percent of the Fellowship members.

ARTICLE IX: FUNDING

Section 1:

The Fellowship will, as it deems necessary, undertake fund raisers for its own purposes. All fund raising shall be conducted in accordance with University policies.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

Section 1:

Amendments to this constitution shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at two consecutive meetings at which the amendments have been read.

Section 2:

Once approved by the membership, amendments shall be submitted to the Student Life Committee of the Cleveland State University Faculty Senate for final approval.

ARTICLE XI: JURISDICTION

Section 1:

The Fellowship is subject, as a recognized/registered student organization, to the rules, regulations, and policies of the Cleveland State University and the laws of the State of Ohio. The rules, regulations and policies of the Cleveland State University shall hold precedence over any and all rules, regulations and policies applying to the Fellowship, including those of national organizations with which the Fellowship is associated.