

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS OF THE CHI ALPHA CHAPTER AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship chapter of Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina.

ARTICLE II: Affiliation

The local Chi Alpha chapter at Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina will be affiliated with the National Chi Alpha organization. The National Office is located at 1445 Booneville Avenue, Springfield, MO 65802.

ARTICLE III: Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the spiritual life of the students of Clemson University by providing those opportunities for worship, fellowship, discipleship, and witness, which will accomplish this end.

ARTICLE IV: Membership

Section 1: General Membership

All meetings and activities of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship are open to students, faculty and staff. Anyone who desires to participate in the meetings and activities may become a general member.

Section 2: Voting Membership

- A. Voting privilege Voting membership in this organization shall be limited to students, faculty and staff who have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, who subscribe without reservation to the organization's Articles of Faith (Appendix A), and who have been in attendance at six regular meetings during a semester. Students, faculty, and staff who desire to become voting members must sign the Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship's Articles of Faith Membership Attestation Form (Appendix A) and return it to the Secretary prior to exercising their voting privileges, and other privileges of being a voting member.
- B. Unbecoming behavior/Unorthodox opinions Voting members who exhibit behavior unbecoming of a Christian, or who maintain or advocate points of view regarding Christian belief and practice that are contrary to Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship's Articles of Faith, will be dropped from voting membership until the behavior and/or unorthodox views are corrected. The Executive Committee is responsible for revoking and reinstating voting membership privileges pursuant to this section. The Executive Committee members are authorized to identify whether a voting member's behavior is unbecoming a Christian or whether such person's points of view are contrary to Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship's Articles of Faith,

and the Executive Committee members are responsible for removing and reinstating voting members pursuant to this section. Removal and reinstatement require a 2/3 majority vote of the Executive Committee members.

- C. Withdrawal of membership Any member of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship can, at any time, voluntarily withdraw his/her membership from this student organization.
- D. Nondiscrimination Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship will not discriminate any individual on the basis of race, sex, color, ancestry, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, and military status.

ARTICLE V: Officers and Elections

Section 1. Listing of Officers - There shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer. These officers shall constitute the Executive Board, which is advised by the Campus Pastor. This board shall set the place and time of the Chi Alpha meetings, plan the budget, manage any problems that may arise in the organization, and resolve any other matters that may come about. Executive Committee members are obligated to conform to the Leaders Standards of Conduct of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship (Appendix B), and to maintain and advocate views that are consistent with the Articles of Faith of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship (Appendix A), to maintain their offices.

Section 2. Powers and Duties:

The President shall call and preside at all business meetings, moderate the weekly meetings to his and the Campus Pastor's discretion, and is expected to positively represent Chi Alpha on both a formal and informal basis on campus. The Vice-President shall assume the rights, duties, and responsibilities of the President in the absence of the chief officer. He/she shall also assume other duties requested of him/her by the Executive Board and/or the Campus Pastor. The Secretary/ Treasurer shall keep an up-to-date record of the membership, take minutes at all business sessions, and see that all monies are accounted for and transacted properly.

Section 3. Terms of Office - Each officer shall fulfill a term of office for one year.

They shall be installed at the end of the annual business meeting.

Section 4. Qualifications - All officers a registered student at Clemson University and at least a second-semester freshman, after having been actively involved in Chi Alpha for at least one semester. Executive Committee members are obligated to conform to the Christian standards of conduct of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, and to maintain and advocate views that are consistent with the Articles of Faith of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, to maintain their offices.

Section 5. Elections:

1. Nominating Procedures - All candidates shall be nominated by secret ballot. Nominating procedures shall take place one week prior to the annual business meeting. All of the nominees shall be announced at the end of this business meeting for nominations.

The elections shall take place at the annual business meeting, which shall be

called and presided over by the President; and the time, place and agenda set by the Executive Board.

After the second ballot, the names shall be reduced to the top three (3) candidates. If anyone receives a simple majority on the first or second ballot, that person shall be declared the winner. A simple majority must be obtained thereafter in order to win as well.

Counting the ballots - The ballots cast shall be counted by the Campus Pastor, approved by the President and recorded by the Secretary

Section 6. Vacancies - Any vacancy of office shall be filled by election at a duly-called special business meeting.

Section 7. Impeachment and Removal from Office - A Bill of Impeachment bearing the signatures of at least one fourth (1/4) of the membership appearing on the secretary's roster may be submitted to the Executive Board which will set a special business meeting. Any member may bring evidence supporting or disclaiming the charges against the officer, but the indicted officer also has the right to defend himself. A three-fourths (3/4) vote of a quorum of members appearing on the secretary's roster shall be the minimum vote for removing a person from office.

ARTICLE VI: Advisor(s)

Section 1. Qualifications - Advisors shall be faculty members at Clemson University.

Section 2. Selection - The advisors of this organization shall be selected in accordance with the policies of Clemson University and shall be subject to the approval of Student Affairs.

Section 3. Duties - The duties of the advisor are to sponsor Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship meetings and activities on campus. He/ She will serve as a consultant for group functions and will be the official liaison to the University Administration.

Section 4. Term of Service - Advisors shall serve for two-year terms and may be re-nominated for additional terms.

ARTICLE VII: Rules of Procedure

Section 1. Attendance - All members are expected to attend all possible meetings.

Section 2. Meetings - There shall be regular meetings of the organization at such times as are deemed best to further the purpose of this organization, but not less than once a week.

Section 3. Quorum - The quorum shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the active membership listed on the secretary's roster.

Section 4. Parliamentary Authority - The most recent version of Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall be recognized as the authority on procedure and rules not covered by this constitution.

ARTICLE VIII: Finance

Section 1. Dues - There shall be no dues or membership fees in this organization.

Section 2. Funding - In the event that finances are needed, finances shall be sought by freewill contribution of interested supporters.

ARTICLE IX: Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any regular or special business session of the organization by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those active members present, provided that a written statement shall have been read and distributed to the organization's active membership and deposited with the Executive Board at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of voting.

ARTICLE X: Process for Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the organization, the Executive Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the organization, dispose of all the assets of the organization exclusively for the purpose of the organization in such manner, or to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) or the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law), as the Executive Board shall determine.

Appendix A:
CHI ALPHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ARTICLES OF FAITH AND
MEMBERSHIP ATTESTATION FORM

Statement of Faith

1. WE BELIEVE...The Scriptures are inspired by God and declare His design and plan for mankind.
2. WE BELIEVE...There is only One True God—revealed in three persons...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (commonly known as the Trinity).
3. WE BELIEVE... In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. WE BELIEVE...though originally good, Man Willingly Fell to Sin—ushering evil and death, both physical and spiritual, into the world.
5. WE BELIEVE...Every Person Can Have Restored Fellowship with God Through 'Salvation' (trusting Christ, through faith and repentance, to be our personal Savior).
6. WE BELIEVE...and practice two ordinances—(1) Water Baptism by Immersion after repenting of one's sins and receiving Christ's gift of salvation, and (2) Holy Communion (the Lord's Supper) as a symbolic remembrance of Christ's suffering and death for our salvation.
7. WE BELIEVE...that the gift of the Holy Spirit is ready and willing to empower the believer for witnessing and effective service, just as it did in New Testament times.
8. WE BELIEVE...Sanctification Initially Occurs at Salvation and is not only a declaration that a believer is holy, but also a progressive lifelong process of separating from evil as believers continually draw closer to God and becomes more Christ-like. Setting one's heart on things above as described in Colossians 3:1-17, and abstaining from unwholesome behaviors described in Romans 1:21-32.
9. WE BELIEVE...The Church has a Mission to seek and save all who are lost in sin. We believe 'the Church' is the Body of Christ and consists of the people who, throughout time, have accepted God's offer of redemption (regardless of religious denomination) through the sacrificial death of His son Jesus Christ.
10. WE BELIEVE...In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

I have read, am in agreement with, and believe to be true, the Statement of Faith of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship. I also will strive to uphold godly Christian character and conduct as described in Statement #8; and realize that my right as a voting member may be revoked if I fail to do so.

Signed: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ CUID # _____

Approved: _____ Date: _____ (Executive Board
Members' signature)

Appendix B:
Leaders Standards of Conduct of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship

A: Leaders / Officers are expected to uphold a Standard of Conduct to maintain their role as a Leader / Officer of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship.

B: This Standard of Conduct is maintained through an ongoing covenant relationship built on the basis of trust and confidence with the Campus Pastor and the other leaders.

C: The Standard of Conduct is built hermeneutically from Titus 1:6-9.

“An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. ⁷ Since an overseer manages God’s household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁸ Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. ⁹ He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.” Titus 1:6-9 NIV

D. Standard of Conduct:

1. Not to drink alcohol at Clemson, in the present of students from Clemson, or in a way that disregards the rules of the Bible, or local governing authority.
2. Dating a non-Christian, or someone who isn’t actively pursuing a dynamic relationship with God. In addition, to behave yourself is such a way to bring honor and show respect for your future spouse.
3. Committed to extend grace and peace to everyone that God places in your path.
4. Committed to spending regular quality time in the Bible.
5. Must adhere to sound doctrine.

Agreeing not to teach:

- Once saved, always saved. (Fire Insurance)
- Against the baptism of Holy Spirit as described in Acts.

D. There are certain attendance expectations of all Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship Leaders/ Officers. These include but are not limited to: Campus Church, Leadership Meetings, Small/ Team Group Meetings, Leadership Retreat, Welcome Week, Fall Retreat, Roommates Banquet, SALT (TWMS), Spring Retreat, & End of Year Formal.

If you are not going to be able to attend any one of these events you should present an excuse verbally or in writing to the Campus Pastor or leader of that event in a prudent manner.