

CONSTITUTION OF THE INDIAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Article I- NAME AND PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

Section 1: The name of this organization is **Indian Christian Fellowship**

Section 2: The Purpose of this Organization:

The Indian Christian Fellowship is an organization that builds a community of Indian student followers of Christ. This community provides a place for its members to know, experience and grow in Christ. ICF welcomes and serves the larger Indian student community on campus, and is a friend to all the Indian students, helping them to adjust to a new country. As citizens of God's kingdom, we are called to love, worship and obey our Lord, to love and serve His Body, the church and to present the good news to the people around us.

Article II- DOCTRINAL BASIS.

Section 1: The Basis of Faith of this organization will be the following:

We believe in the only one true God, creator of all things, existing in three persons – The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.

We believe that the Bible is the inspired and authoritative Word of God.

We believe that people are created in God's image, and He created us to share eternal life with Him

We believe that every person has sinned, and fallen short of the glory of God, but God loved us so much that He sent His only son Jesus who was born of a virgin, to die on a cross and pay the penalty for our sins by dying in our place, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We believe that Jesus rose from the dead on the third day after his death, and ascended into heaven where He is seated at the right hand of the Father, continually making intercession for his people. And He will come again to judge all people with justice and mercy, giving over the unrepentant to eternal condemnation but receiving the redeemed into eternal life.

We believe in the Holy Spirit whose power is demonstrated through us, for the accomplishment of the final commandment of Jesus, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and surely I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Article III- MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION.

Section 1: ICF is open to ALL students who desire to meet with other Christian students. This organization shall not exclude any individual(s) from membership for reasons of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, handicap, or Vietnam-era veteran status. Furthermore, participation in this organization is open to all faculty, alumni, professionals and visitors, although these individuals will be considered nonvoting members.

Section 2: People who can affirm to the above mentioned Basis of Faith and Purpose of this organization, and are willing to openly share their testimony, can become voting members of the organization.

Article IV. OFFICERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

Section 1: The officers of this organization shall consist of an executive committee composed of a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Section 2: The responsibilities of the officers are:

President

- To carry out the purpose and general policies of this organization.
- To call an annual meeting for selection of new officers.
- To be responsible for the continuance of this organization from year to year.

Treasurer

- To disburse funds on behalf of this organization, as needed, and keep accurate records of the financial activity of this organization.

Secretary

- To assist the president in his/her functions and to fulfill the duties of the president when he/she is unavailable.

Section 3. While membership is open to any Ohio State student, an officer of this organization must be a voting member.

Article V. SELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Section 1: New officers will be selected on an annual basis for a term of one year.

Section 2: Toward the end of the academic year (Spring quarter), nominations for officers will be made by voting members of this organization. The nominees must exhibit self-control, live wisely, and be of good reputation. They must be gentle, peace loving and not people who love money. The nominee must not be a heavy drinker or be violent. Nominees that receive the majority of votes for a particular office will be elected and will serve their term in the following academic year.

Article VI. MEETINGS.

Section 1: Meetings for Bible Study and prayer will be held from time to time. The time and place of these meetings will be decided by the members on a quarterly basis.

Section 2: Other meetings for the discussion and presentation of matters pertaining to the life and purposes of this organization will be held as occasion warrants.

Article VII. CONSTITUTION AND AMENDMENTS

Section 1: This constitution shall be adopted with a two-thirds vote of the membership.

Section 2: This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership, providing that no change is made to Article I - section 2, Article II or Article V - section 3. A proposed amendment shall not be voted on at the same meeting at which it is presented, but may be voted on at any subsequent meeting.

Section 3: Amendments to this constitution will not become valid until a copy of said amendment has been placed in the office of Student Organizations (SOURCE) of the Ohio State University and with the faculty/staff advisor of this organization.