CONSTITUTION OF THE LATTER-DAY SAINT STUDENT ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

The mission of The Ohio State University Latter-day Saint Student Association is to partake in purposeful service, communal and spiritual activities where students can engage with others who share similar standards. Though we are affiliated with the Columbus Young Single Adult first and second wards of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, we invite people of all backgrounds and viewpoints to our activities and worship services.

ARTICLE I

NAME, PURPOSES, NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Section 1 The name of this organization is the Latter-day Saint Student Association (LDSSA) adjacent to The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

Section 2 The purposes of LDSSA are as follows:

To encourage and support members of LDSSA in achieving their academic goals and maintaining a balanced life while on campus. This includes meaningful service, social activities, religious education, and university outreach and engagement.

To encourage members of LDSSA to become an influence for good by participating in activities and service in various Columbus communities.

Section 3 This organization does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

Section 4 As a student organization at The Ohio State University, Latter-Day Saint Student Association expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members are responsible for adhering to University Policy 1.15, which can be found here: https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf.

Section 5 If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at http://titleIX.osu.edu or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleIX@osu.edu**.**

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Membership is open to all students enrolled at The Ohio State University, regardless of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status, who espouse the purposes of LDSSA as stated in this constitution and commit to uphold behavior consistent with the standards of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints while participating in LDSSA activities.

Section 2 Members who do not abide by the standards of the Church during LDSSA activities will be subject to removal from the organization. Such removal shall be decided by a majority vote of the current officers.

ARTICLE III

ORGANIZATION

Section 1 LDSSA shall have an advisor who is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in good standing.

Section 2 The leadership of LDSSA will consist of a president, vice president, and treasurer at a minimum. A secretary and other officers as the officers deem necessary. All officers will be students enrolled at The Ohio State University.

Section 3 The president will preside over meetings, delegate tasks, stay organized and hold other officers accountable.

Section 4 The vice president will support and assist the president and preside when president is absent.

Section 5 The treasurer will keep financial records and will oversee and approve all financial transactions.

ARTICLE IV

ELECTIONS

Section 1 Officers run for their desired position and are confirmed by a vote of the members. Officers will be voted upon annually for each school year or more often if necessary.

Section 2 All voting requires a majority vote for confirmation and approval.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

Section 1 Leadership meetings will be conducted in person at least quarterly or electronically when needed.

Section 2 Organizational business and elections may take place at formal meetings or through polling.

Section 3 Anyone participating in LDSSA activities who do not abide by the standards of the Church during the activity may be asked to cease such behavior or to leave the activity. All members are welcome to share concerns with an officer and request action.

ARTICLE VI

FINANCES

Section 1 There may be a minimal charge for some activities. All such activities will be optional.

Section 2 All fees collected from members will be recorded and the information made accessible to the organization leadership for auditing and review purposes.

Section 3 Funding requests will be brought before a representative of the Columbus YSA 1st Ward, Columbus YSA 2nd Ward, or the Columbus Ohio Institute of Religion. As an example, this could be done by presenting the idea at a meeting of the Institute Council. Those organizations offering funding have the authority to approve or deny funding or request changes to the LDSSA activity to meet the goals of their respective organizations.

Section 4 All purchases made using funds from the Columbus YSA 1st or 2nd Wards should be approved by the respective bishopric prior to the purchase, and receipts must be kept for reimbursement. All intended purchases using funds from the Institute of Religion should be made by someone authorized to use such funds.

ARTICLE VII

ENABLING ACT

Section 1 Upon approval of this constitution by The Ohio State University, it shall become effective immediately.

Section 2 LDSSA shall maintain a list of current officers and advisors, and the most recently amended constitution with the Student Activities Office.