

Westfield State College Christian Fellowship Constitution

Article I: *Name*

The name of this organization is “Westfield State College Christian Fellowship.”

Article II: *Purpose*

Section 1 – The primary purposes of this organization are:

- A. To witness as to the Lord Jesus Christ as God Incarnate, and to seek to lead others to personal faith in Christ as Lord and Savior.
- B. To help Christians grow towards maturity as Disciples of Christ by study of the Bible and by Christian fellowship.
- C. To present the call of God to the world mission of the Church and to help students and faculty discover God’s roles for them.

Section 2 – The secondary purpose of this organization is to contribute to the educational, cultural, and social climate of Westfield State College by:

- A. Developing and modeling healthy human relationships.
- B. Pursuing opportunities for programming, speakers and acts of service which bring glory to God.
- C. Encouraging development of the student spiritually; to develop the student’s ability to defend their faith through scripture, history and science.

Article III: *Basis of Faith*

Section 1 – The basis of faith of this organization is as follows:

- A. The unique, divine inspiration, entire trustworthiness, and authority of the Bible from the very first verse.
- B. The Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C. The necessity and efficacy of the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ for the redemption of the world, and the historic fact of His bodily resurrection.
- D. The presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the work of regeneration.
- E. The expectation of the personal return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Section 2 – All officers of this organization, leaders of Bible study groups and speakers must subscribe without reservation to the above basis of faith.

Article IV: *Membership and Participation*

Membership and participation in this organization is open to all students of Westfield State College who have paid their current student activities fee for the semester.

Article V: *Officers*

Section 1 – There will be three (3) officers: president, vice president and secretary/treasurer. These officers will constitute the Executive Committee.

Those selected are expected to be mature, responsible and committed to the overall success of the group

Section 2 – The responsibility of the president is to arrange organization meetings (all phases), oversee the club's participation in the Student Government Association's (SGA) Club Fair (planning of all marketing materials, etc.), act as a liaison with student government, to make sure the objectives of the group are being met, plan events (all phases/being able to follow through efficiently and responsibly), plan all phases of fundraising including completing all forms for permission and responsibility to follow guidelines to handle funds as prescribed by SGA, ability to delegate, follow-through and oversee. The president should have the ability to be gracious and welcoming to all members and consult with advisor(s).

Section 3 – The responsibility of the vice president is to assist the president in his/her obligation and act as president in the event the president is not able to fulfill his/her duties. This person should be able to attend most if not all meetings, and possess many of the capabilities stated in Article V, Section 2.

Section 4 – The responsibility of the secretary/treasurer is to record minutes of Executive Committee meetings as considered important by the organization's members, to manage the funds of the organization, to secure funding through available College sources, to follow through by keeping the President and group apprised, and to work with the President and Vice President on opportunities for fundraising and other club events as needed.

Article VI: *Meetings*

Section 1 – There will be regularly scheduled meetings for the transaction of business called by the officers.

Section 2 – Meetings for Bible study and prayer will be held at least once a week.

Section 3 – Other meetings for the discussion and presentation of matters pertaining to the purposes stated herein shall be called by the President as occasion warrants.

Article VII: *Nominations and Election of Officers*

Section 1 – In order to be eligible for nomination, a prospective candidate must:

- A. Be nominated by a member of the organization;
- B. Have been a member of WSC Christian Fellowship for at least one (1) year;
- C. Should not be a new convert, especially the President (1 Timothy 3:6);
- D. Abide by and subscribe to the basis of faith set forth in Article III;
- E. Proven to be responsible and committed to the group;
- F. The President of Christian Fellowship should be dedicated to following Jesus Christ, daily prayer, daily Bible reading and demonstrate they are serious about being a growing, faithful follower of Jesus Christ and His Word. They should exemplify the importance of living the Christian life and of sacrificial service and also be dedicated to upholding the unity of the group. The President should also be hospitable and friendly. (Reference 1 Timothy 3; Titus 1).

Section 2 – Election of officers will occur at a scheduled meeting during the school year, as described in Article VII, Section 3.

Section 3 – The term in office is for one (1) year, while enrolled as a student at Westfield State College. Elections will be held at the end of each spring semester, and current officers can run for re-election, provided they are returning to WSC as students for the upcoming year. Any officer's position can be terminated by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of organization members during a scheduled meeting.

Section 4 – In the event of an open office, a vote will be cast by members of the organization, during a scheduled meeting, to fill the office, provided the candidate meets the criteria set forth in Article VII, Section 1.

Article VIII: *Constitution and Amendments*

Section 1 – This Constitution shall be adopted upon receiving a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the committed membership, during a scheduled meeting. Committed membership is composed of members that have attended three-fourths (3/4) of the regularly scheduled meetings during the current school year.

Section 2 – This Constitution may be amended by a nine-tenths (9/10) vote of the committed membership provided the amendment is approved by the Rules and Regulations Committee, and providing that all changes made to the constitution, and especially changes pertaining to Article II (Purpose) or Article III (Basis of Faith) or Article VII (Eligibility of Officers), be made in accordance to Biblical principles.

Section 3 – Amendments to this Constitution will not become valid until a copy of the voted upon amendment has been placed in the office of SGA and it has been approved by the Rules and Regulations Committee.

Section 4 – Any article or section, excepting Article II, Article III, Article V/Section 2, 3 & Article VII can be suspended any time the Executive Committee deems necessary by a majority vote of the organization's committed membership during a regularly scheduled meeting; however, the voted upon suspension must be first approved by the Rules and Regulations Committee prior to the suspension taking affect.