



University of Lincoln Christian Union Constitution

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1) The name of the Society shall be **University of Lincoln Christian Union** herein after referred to as the Society.

2) Aims and Objectives

2.1) The object of the Christian Union shall be to unite Christian students regardless of denomination or church affiliation in their common profession of faith and witness to other members of the University.

2.2) The common faith of the Christian Union is defined by the following basic truths of Christianity

as revealed in Holy Scripture:

- A. There is one God in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- B. God is sovereign in creation, revelation, redemption and final judgement.
- C. The Bible, as originally given, is the inspired and infallible Word of God. It is the supreme authority in all matters of belief and behaviour.
- D. Since the fall, the whole of humankind is sinful and guilty, so that everyone is subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
- E. The Lord Jesus Christ, God's incarnate Son, is fully God; he was born of a virgin; his humanity is real and sinless; he died on the cross, was raised bodily from death and is now reigning over heaven and earth.
- F. Sinful human beings are redeemed from the guilt, penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death once and for all time of their representative and substitute, Jesus Christ, the only mediator between them and God.
- G. Those who believe in Christ are pardoned all their sins and accepted in God's sight only because of the righteousness of Christ credited to them; this justification is God's act of undeserved mercy, received solely by trust in him and not by their own efforts.
- H. The Holy Spirit alone makes the work of Christ effective to individual sinners, enabling them to turn to God from their sin and to trust in Jesus Christ.
- I. The Holy Spirit lives in all those he has regenerated. He makes them increasingly Christlike in character and behaviour and gives them power for their witness in the world.
- J. The one holy universal church is the Body of Christ, to which all true believers belong.

K. The Lord Jesus Christ will return in person, to judge everyone, to execute God's just condemnation on those who have not repented and to receive the redeemed to eternal glory.

2.3) The Christian Union may join with other student societies to engage in common activities as the Committee see fit.

2.4) The Committee may invite such external speakers as it sees fit. External speakers who have been invited on the understanding that they will expound the common faith of the Christian Union should be required to signify their assent to that faith as defined in clause 2.2.

The Students Union will be informed of speaker coming.

3) The Committee

3.1) The committee shall be responsible for the running of the Society and will convene at least monthly on a day outlined at the first committee meeting of an academic year.

3.2) **The members of the committee shall be as follows:**

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Treasurer
- D. Small Group Coordinator
- E. Worship Leader
- F. Evangelism Coordinator
- G. Publicity Coordinator

4) Duties of Committee Members

4.1) **The duties of the Society President shall be:**

Oversee the day to day running and be the main point of contact for the Society.

Work with the Activities Department to further the Society's aims.

Chair Society meetings democratically, ensuring they are conducted properly.

Uphold the constitution, policies and regulations of the SU Activities Department.

4.2) **The duties of the Society Vice President shall be:**

Deputize for the President and record meetings and communicate this with the SU Activities Department and the membership.

Uphold the constitution, policies and regulations of the SU Activities Department.

4.3) The duties of the Society Treasurer shall:

Monitor and record the accounts of the Society, verify accounts made available by the SU Activities Department and be responsible for ensuring that the Society adhere to the Students' Union financial regulations at all times.

Act as a Secretary for Committee meetings writing minutes.

4.4) The duties of the Society Small Group Coordinator shall:

Setup and organise the whole CU into small groups and manage the communication and pastoral care and support of the Small group leaders.

4.5) The duties of the Society Worship Leader shall:

Organise and encourage the use of worship within the Christian Union. This role manages the weekly worship rota for the union and is there pastorally for the worship team. The main application of this is musically but will also be involved in prayer, creative activities and union outreach events.

4.6) The duties of the Society Evangelism Coordinator shall:

Organise outreach events hosted by the Christian Union. Submit the appropriate paperwork for the events. Facilitate the running of the event. Be in close contact with the Society Publicity Coordinator at the time of events. Make sure all events hosted under the Christian Union adhere to the Students Union guidelines.

4.7) The duties of the Society Publicity Coordinator shall:

organise and coordinate publicity for any events run by the CU, this includes organising poster designs, printing of posters and flyers, updating the CU's social media such as Facebook and Twitter as well as making sure the CU is generally well publicized.

5) Meetings

5.1) At least one Annual General Meeting a year should take place to engage members for feedback and committee scrutiny, ratify the Society Constitution.

5.1.1) The AGM shall be called by the Secretary towards the end of the Spring term and no more than 15 months after the previous AGM.

5.1.2) The AGM shall receive a report on the year's activities and membership from the President or Vice-President of the outgoing Committee, a financial report from the Treasurer, and such other reports as the Executive Committee consider appropriate.

5.2) The Society have regular committee meetings, weekly unless stated otherwise.

5.2.1) The Society will have about 30 meetings a year. Will be more or less depending on Committee.

5.2.2) The quorum of the meetings will be 50% of the full membership plus 1.

5.3) Only student, paid members of the Society are permitted to vote at meetings and only those members present are permitted to vote.

6) The Constitution

6.1) New Committees must formally submit the constitution and pass them on to the Activities Office before the 1st of July for approved by the Activities Executive and their relevant Committees.

6.2) By submitting a constitution all members are required to uphold its aims and objectives.

7) Dissolution

Should the Society reach a point where it is no longer able to carry out its mission and as such fold, or not re-affiliate with in one year, all assets and money will revert back to the University of Lincoln Students' Union.