

**CONSTITUTION OF
ALPHA OMEGA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
NCSU CHAPTER**

ARTICLE I. NAME

Alpha Omega Christian Fellowship, NCSU Chapter (hereafter referred to as "AO")

ARTICLE II. AFFILIATIONS

Section 1. AO is directly affiliated with Raleigh Chinese Christian Church, for whom AO serves as college ministry on the campuses of UNC-CH and NCSU.

Section 2. AO recognizes the authority of the Raleigh Chinese Christian Church, its constitutions and leaders. AO shall adhere to the rules set forth by the governing body of the Raleigh Chinese Christian Church.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The purpose of AO is to follow the principles of the Bible in building up the Church of Christ; in worshipping, serving and glorifying the one true God; in equipping believers; and in spreading the gospel of salvation of Jesus Christ. AO is especially equipped, but not exclusively geared, for ministry toward Chinese- and Asian American students.

Section 2. The Statement of Faith of this organization is as follows. We believe:

1. The Holy Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, absolutely without error, the highest authority and principles for the Christian's faith and life.
2. In one God, who is the Creator of man and all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. The Jesus Christ is wholly God and wholly man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. That He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified for our iniquities, buried and on the third day arose bodily from the dead. We believe that he ascended into Heaven, where at the right hand of the Majesty on high, He now is out High Priest and Advocate.
4. That the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and to convict man, regenerated the believing sinner, indwell, guide, instruct and empower the believed for godly living and service.
5. That man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is lost and separated from God. Man can become the child of God only through accepting Jesus Christ as Savior by the work of the Holy Spirit, therefore obtaining salvation and new life.
6. That the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only grounds for justification and salvation for all who believe, and that only those who receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit and thus become children of God.
7. In the certainty of the person return of Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. AO shall be open to all who are interested in the understanding and/or realization of the purpose of the fellowship as described in Article III. AO does not discriminate in admitting members because of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, age, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender.

Section 2. AO membership does not indicate membership with Raleigh Chinese Christian Church, which requires applicants to inquire with proper authorities within the church.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings for the purpose of Large Group shall be held once a week on Friday evenings, unless otherwise approved by a simple majority vote of Large Group attendees. Prayer Meeting shall be held once a week at times designated by an appointed prayer meeting coordinator.

Section 2. Regular Large Group meetings shall be planned no later than one month following the commencement of a semester of summer session. Regular Large Groups shall be planned no later than two days prior to the meeting. Special meetings (included but not limited to group activities, praise sessions and service projects) may be planned at any time. However, both regular and special meetings shall be announced to the group at large no less than two days prior to the meeting. Changes in the nature, purpose or timing of any meeting shall be announced to the group at large as quickly as is reasonable.

ARTICLE VI. GOVERNMENT

Section 1. AO shall be directly governed by campus coordinators. Campus coordinators shall be under the authority of the senior pastor or his designate (henceforth referred to as "the college pastor") from Raleigh Chinese Christian Church. The college pastor may work with one or more head coordinators who oversee AO – all chapters.

Section 2. The college pastor shall approve the appointment of campus coordinators as recommended by AO to directly govern the group. AO shall not allow the chapter to operate on a campus without the presence of at least one campus coordinator.

ARTICLE VII. APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE

Appointment to all areas of office shall be done in the following matter:

1. Prior to the end of an officer's term of office, he/she shall, with prayerful consideration and consultation with others, choose a successor to train. The successor must be approved by the college pastor. The current officer shall train his/her successor for a length of time upon which they mutually agree. The successor may then fully assume the role of office.
2. In the event that a new area of service is deemed necessary, the college pastor shall, with prayerful consideration and consultation with current leaders of the group, appoint a member of AO to that position.
3. The college pastor shall have the authority to remove an officer from office.

Officers shall not be chosen by popular nomination or election. Officers may be affirmed by a simple majority vote by the group at large.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

Committees, also known as teams, shall be created and dissolved on an as-needed basis. Teams should work together to achieve a unified goal that is in accord with the Group's goals and vision. Teams are to function under a team leader who is responsible for organizing the efforts of the team and representing that team to others. Team leaders are considered officers as described in Article VII, and is responsible for training successors as outlined in Article VII, Section 1.

ARTICLE IX. FUNDS

Section 1. Funds shall be procured for AO for two methods:

1. Budgeting funds provided by Raleigh Chinese Christian Church. These funds shall be used exclusively for purposes outlined by the church as appropriate use of budgeted funds.
2. Discretionary funds raised for or by AO. These funds are procured outside of tax deduction status and are to remain separate from budgeted funds provided by Raleigh Chinese Christian Church.

Section 2. No portion of either fund described in this Article IX, Section 1 shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to group members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that AO shall be authorized and empowered to make payments, reimbursements and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III.

ARTICLE X. RATIFICATION

This constitution shall be ratified by a majority vote of non-abstaining members of AO.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS

Any proposal for the amendment of this Constitution (hereafter referred to as "the proposal") must be submitted to the campus coordinators, who review the proposal. Establishment of the proposal requires approval from the college pastor, as well as from any body of head coordinators that has affirmed it with a two-thirds majority vote by members is required for adoption of the proposal, which will then come into effect.

ARTICLE XII. BY-LAWS.

AO shall establish by-laws in accordance with the Constitution as standards for the administration of AO and its ministry. By-laws shall not conflict with the ministry of Raleigh Chinese Christian Church and approval from the church may be deemed necessary for the enactment of any by-law.