

# **LIFE CHANGERS COLLEGE MINISTRY (LCCM)**

## **Constitution**

### **August 17, 2004**

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#### **Article I Name, Vision & Purpose**

##### **Section 1**

This organization shall be known as the Life Changers College Ministry (LCCM). The vision for this organization is to nourish the spirit, soul and body of our college community by encouraging faithful Christian discipleship and stewardship. We esteem to make known the reality of God through worship, building the community and exhibiting a lifestyle that gives Him glory and honor. We stand on the belief that ministry must not only reach in but reach out by finding a need and meeting it and finding a hurt and healing it. As a result of our belief, we will make our community and world a better place to live by winning lost souls, healing the broken hearted and providing hope to the hopeless. We will educate, inspire and motivate people to do well spiritually, physically and economically for their families, church and themselves.

##### **Section 2**

The purpose of LCCM is to help guide college students through these critical years of their lives by providing within them a stronger relationship with God, an increase in church involvement, and promoting fellowship among other believers. This will be accomplished through a three-fold ministry of fellowship, Christian growth and outreach.

##### **Section 3**

It is the goal of LCCM to coordinate activities and programs that give college students opportunities to fellowship in a Christian manner; thereby strengthening their Christian witness. These activities include community service, fitness and wellness activities, bowling, skating, movie night, etc.

##### **Section 4**

It is the goal of LCCM to encourage Christian growth by facilitating on-campus bible studies. Teaching will be done on such topics as praise and worship, finance/budgeting, changing lives, balance, prayer, strongholds, biblical foundation, purpose/gifts, male/female relationships, and effective witnessing.

##### **Section 5**

It is the goal of LCCM to effectively capture and maintain the attention of our membership by:

- 1) Providing a place of worship
- 2) Providing meals after Sunday worship services (Select Churches)
- 3) Providing transportation to and from services (Select Churches)
- 4) Providing assistance with obtaining employment and housing
- 5) Providing educational workshops to aide the transition into adulthood

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#### **Article II Membership**

##### **Section 1**

Membership shall be open to all regularly enrolled students.

## **Section 2**

LCCM members do not have to be members of a particular denomination or local church to be under this ministry; however, we do encourage joining a Watch Care ministry. (Watch Care provides students that have a current church membership away from school with a local church home while they attend school)

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# **Article III Officers**

## **Section 1**

The elected officers for this club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member-at-Large.

## **Section 2**

The officers shall be appointed by the advisor through nominations by club members through the first year of the founding of LCCM, and thereafter be elected by club members to serve a term of one year. Terms of service begin at the onset of the Fall Semester and end at the business conclusion of the Spring Semester. If there be necessary duties to perform through the period of transition between the spring and fall semesters, such duties will be performed by the newly elected officers. The number of terms of service shall not be limited.

## **Section 3**

All officers are required to have at least a 2.5 grade point average to serve. Nominees for President must have at least 2 semesters of club membership and be approved by the club advisor prior to being able to accept the nomination and /or serve for the office. All officers are subject to review by the club advisor; conduct that demonstrates an overt aversion to the vision, purpose, and goals of LCCM shall result in an immediate reprimand as deemed appropriate by the club advisor.

## **Section 4**

The election process shall be conducted by the President in the manner as follows:

- The President shall obtain officer nominations from club members in an open forum setting.
- Upon the acceptance of the nomination by the nominee, the President shall visibly list the nominee as a candidate for a particular office.
- Members may call for a close of the nomination process and have it granted only by a majority vote.
- Candidates shall be required to express their platform for an office to the club members and in a closed interview with the club advisor. Candidates will have one week between nominations and elections to prepare platform speeches.
- After the platform speeches to the club by the nominees, a secret ballot election shall take place. The President and his or her executives shall count ballots.
- Officers shall be elected to serve by a majority vote.

## **Section 5**

The duties of each elected officer shall be as follows:

**President** – It is the supreme duty of this officer to ensure that LCCM maintains its adherence to the vision, purpose, and goals of the club. This officer shall serve as the visionary for the club. This officer shall be knowledgeable of LCCM business and be an effectively delegate tasks to appropriate officers and members. The President also serves as the voice of the organization and must be able to represent the organization in a leadership capacity. If the President is not able to represent LCCM, then he or she must appoint a representative to serve the capacity in his or her place. As chief executive, the President will conduct all executive board and general body meetings through his or her created agenda. It is the responsibility of this officer to ensure that LCCM remains in good standing with the University by operating under and complying with the rules and regulations established by the Student Organization Resource Center. The President shall conduct elections and review all elected officials. This officer shall

commit to working closely with other student leaders and University officials which shall ultimately result in the forward progress of LCCM.

**Vice-President** – This officer shall work closely with the President to develop and further the agenda of LCCM. The Vice-President shall oversee all committees and committee chairpersons. This officer shall appoint all committee chairpersons. This officer shall review the progress of committees and report to the President. The Vice-President shall serve as second-in-command in the absence of the President.

**Secretary** – This officer shall serve as the official record-keeper for LCCM. The Secretary shall record the minutes of executive board and general body meetings. This officer shall also maintain the record of attendance for all LCCM meetings and events. This officer shall be responsible for securing meeting and event locations. The Secretary shall maintain the official calendar and schedule for all LCCM events and ensure that LCCM members are notified accordingly of dates, times, and locations of meetings and events.

**Treasurer** – This officer shall manage the club budget and all funds. The Treasurer is responsible for the collection of dues from each member. This officer shall oversee all club bank accounts and give a mandatory monthly report of account activity.

**Member-at-Large** – This officer shall commit himself or herself to being knowledgeable of the public activities of other student organizations. The report of this officer is crucial for the planning of LCCM activities. The Member-at-Large will serve to inform the club of outside opportunities and events to support fellow student organizations or to enhance the group and/or personal development of LCCM.

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## **Article IV Dues**

### **Section 1**

Dues for the club shall be \$25.00 per semester. This sum may be collected in total at the beginning of each semester or in the way of \$5.00 per month.

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## **Article V Amending the Constitution and by-laws**

### **Section 1**

Amendments to the constitution or by-laws shall be presented by members of the club, or the LCCM advisor, in writing and read at a regular meeting but shall not be voted upon until the next regular meeting, and then only after informing each member of the proposed amendments. A majority of 2/3 of the members present and voting shall be required.

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## **Article VI Meetings**

### **Section 1**

The club shall hold executive board meetings in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks of each month and general body meetings in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of each month. This shall be in addition to weekly Bible Study.

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## **Article VII Committees**

### **Section 1**

The standing committees for LCCM shall be as follows:

**Membership Committee** – This committee shall monitor and manage the membership of LCCM.

**Social Committee** – This committee shall be responsible for planning fellowship-centered social events for LCCM. This committee shall plan at least one activity per month for the group.

**Publicity Committee** – This committee shall be responsible for all club information to be disseminated to attract public interest and notice. It is the duty of this committee to ensure that all LCCM events and meetings are publicized in a timely and sufficient manner.

**Fundraising Committee** – This committee shall operate to plan and promote events and activities for the purpose of raising money to help LCCM further its purposes.

**Diversity Committee** – This committee shall have the task of targeting multi-ethnic and multi-cultural audiences to take part in LCCM, and for LCCM to bring itself to them.

**Personal Development Committee** – This committee shall plan various forums, lectures, workshops, classes, and activities that target the personal transition of LCCM members into and through adulthood.

## **Section 2**

The Vice-President through an application process shall appoint chairpersons for committees. Chairpersons are appointed to serve for a term of one year. The application process serves to provide the organization with an idea of what each applicant's plan of action is for his or her respective committee of interest.

## **Section 3**

LCCM members are to actively serve on at least one committee.

## **Section 4**

Special committees whose planning purpose fall outside of standing committees may be formed as needed at the discretion of the LCCM executive board or the advisor.

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