

Lutheran Student Fellowship
Constitution
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Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1

This organization shall be known as Lutheran Student Fellowship.

Section 2

The purposes of this organization shall be:

- To give collective witness, in message and in action, to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to the community of North Carolina State University
- To serve students of North Carolina State University who seek a traditionally Lutheran parish that manifests a classically evangelical and liturgical character.
- To provide encouragement for its members to participate in the full life of the church in the following ways:
 - ✦ through the marks of the Church, namely, through the pure proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the administration of the holy sacraments in accordance with such Gospel (cf. Augsburg Confession, Article VII.), and
 - ✦ through the utilization of the Office of the Keys and the mutual conversation and consolation of the brothers and sisters. (cf. Smalcald Articles, III.1)
- To provide its individual members support and encouragement in fulfilling one's vocation as a student of North Carolina State University.
- To provide its individual members opportunities for fellowship as they pursue their vocation as a student of North Carolina State University

Article II: Membership

Section 1

Active membership of this organization shall be open to:

- any regularly enrolled student, faculty member, or staff member of North Carolina State University, regardless of level of advancement of his/her pursued degree or level of professional advancement already achieved, who is baptized in the Name of the

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Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and is interested in participating in the marks of the Church, as well as in utilizing the Office of the Keys and the mutual conversation and consolation of the brothers and sisters, as delineated above in Article I, Section 2.

- any regularly enrolled student of North Carolina State University regardless of level of advancement of his/her pursued degree or level of professional advancement already achieved, who desires baptism in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and is interested in the participating in the marks of the Church, as well as in utilizing the Office of the Keys and the mutual conversation and consolation of the brothers and sisters, as delineated above in Article I, Section 2.

Section 2

Active members of this organization shall be selected by:

- acknowledgement of the candidate's student status at North Carolina State University
- acknowledgement of the candidate's baptism in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as verified by the candidate's home parish, or acknowledgement of the candidate's desire for baptism in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as manifested through undertaking the process of Adult Instruction in the basic tenets of the Christian faith.

Section 3

Active membership consists of active participation in the scheduled activities of this organization. Active membership is acknowledged and defended through the student's personal signature on the attendance sheet provided by the Secretary at every scheduled meeting of this organization.

Article III: Officers

Section 1

The officers of this organization shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and such other officers and board chairpersons as the By-laws of this organization may prescribe.

Section 2

The elective officers for this organization shall be the active members of such organization who respectively are:

- baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

- enrolled as students in good standing at North Carolina State University
- members of good standing in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, as verified in letter form by their respective home parishes, or students of North Carolina State University who reflect commitment to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and its confession of faith.
- able and willing to be elected as an officer of the organization, with full knowledge of the duties and responsibilities connected with being an officer of the organization
- able and willing to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of being an officer of the organization once elected as an officer of the organization

Section 3

The officers shall be elected by the active members of the organization to serve a term of one academic year. The duration of the term shall be the duration of the academic year, as determined by North Carolina State University, for which the officers are respectively elected. Elections shall take place every April at a time of the organization's discretion.

Section 4

The duties of the President shall consist of: providing leadership to the organization; presiding over all of the meetings of the organization; encouraging and assisting all officers in carrying out their prescribed duties; performing such other duties usually required of a chairperson; and serving as the organization's liaison to North Carolina State University.

The duties of the Vice President shall consist of: assuming the duties of the President during the latter's absence or inability to serve. In case of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice President shall fill that office until the end of the term; a new Vice President shall then be elected for the unexpired term. The Vice President shall be responsible for spearheading nominations for the annual election of officers.

The duties of the Secretary shall consist of: keeping a record of all proceedings of the organization's meetings; provide, at every meeting, a attendance sheet upon which all members can provide their signature; carrying through with the responsibilities of renewing this organization's status as a Recognized Student Organization of North Carolina University; ensuring that all correspondence and such other duties of a Secretary are carried out; and retaining a copy of the Constitution and By-laws of this organization and the Constitution and By-laws of Our Savior Lutheran Church of Raleigh, NC.

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The duties of the Treasurer shall consist of: keeping an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures of this organization and obtaining rightful reimbursements.

Article IV: Dues

Section 1

No dues shall be required of members of this organization. Funding for the organization and its activities shall be made available through the general collection of tithes and offerings of the parish of Our Savior Lutheran Church of Raleigh, NC, and distributed to this organization as its needs arise.

Article V: Amending the Constitution and By-Laws

Section 1

Amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws shall be presented by active members of this organization in writing and read at a regular meeting but will not be voted upon until the next regular meeting, and then only after informing each active member of the proposed amendments. A majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the active members present and voting shall be required.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1

This organization shall meet as determined by its active membership at least once each month during the academic year. All meetings of this organization, the scope and content of its activities (be they social, recreational, fellowship-oriented, or any other type determined by the organization), and the active membership involved shall be submissive to the witness of Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions and shall uphold the witness and reputation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Article VII: Committees

Section 1

The organization shall make provision for any standing committees needed and/or for forming any special committees when needed.

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Article VIII: Special Articles**Section 1**

Any special articles needed by the organization shall be included here.