

CONSTITUTION

Akron Law Christian Fellowship

Article I. NAME

- A. The official name of this organization shall be:** Akron Law Christian Fellowship

Article II. PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of ALCF is to create a community within the law school for followers of Christ and those interested in learning more about Jesus. Through this organization, these students will be able to have fellowship weekly/biweekly and apply the Bible to life in general, life as a law student, and life as a future lawyer.**

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

A. Those eligible for membership are:

- a. Currently enrolled as law students at the University of Akron School of Law
- b. Are believers in Jesus or are interested in learning more about Jesus
 - i. All are welcome

B. Membership will be revoked by the organization under the following situations:

1. Failure to abide by the constitution's stated purpose
2. Any misconduct that is found to be punishable under the School of Law's codes of conduct

Article IV. OFFICERS

A. Officer Positions in this organization include:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Treasurer
4. Any additional officers may be added as the organization sees fit.

B. The powers and duties of the officers shall be:

1. President
 - a. Serve as the main contact with the University and its officers
 - b. Schedule the meetings that are best suitable for the members
 - c. Mediate all meetings
 - d. Coordinate with University for any and all events (student org fairs, ALCF events, etc.)

- e. Select the campus advisor with the advice of the other officers and members of the organization.
- 2. Vice President
 - a. Supplement the President's duties if they are unable to fulfill them due to an emergency
 - b. Take pictures and keep social media up to date
 - c. Manage the organization's GroupMe
- 3. Treasurer
 - a. Coordinate funding responsibilities with the University
 - b. Manage any and all funds and budgets
 - c. Keep financial records

C. Election of officers.

- 1. To qualify to be an officer a student must:
 - a. Be a law student
 - b. Must have been a member of the organization for one semester
 - c. Must recognize that the Christian/Catholic God is the one true God
 - d. Must recognize that Jesus Christ is the son of God and that he was sent to earth, lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose three days later.
- 2. Nomination of officers will be conducted by:
 - a. Ballot; and
 - b. Prayer
- 3. The election process is to be as follows:
 - a. The current President will read the roles of the officers to all of the members
 - b. Any qualifying member that would like to run can run for any position
 - c. Each running member will present why they should be win
 - d. After each member presents, the other members are allowed to ask them questions
 - e. Once each running member presents and answers questions, a short silent prayer to oneself should begin
 - i. The prayer should be about who to vote for, because, as a religious student organization, we gotta keep Jesus first
 - f. After the prayer, the members should cast their vote
 - i. This can be done in any format that is fair and unbiased
 - 1. Examples: written on paper; filling out of a Google form, etc.
- 4. The candidates receiving the most amount of votes will be declared the winner and will take office after the last scheduled final in the Spring semester.

5. The term of office shall be one academic year, but officers can run for office as many times as they want.

D. Vacancies. Should vacancies occur before the completion of a term of office, the vacancy will be filled in the following manner:

1. The other officers will ask the members if anyone is interested
2. If someone is interested, normal election procedures will proceed
3. If someone is not interested, then the other officers will split the duties of that vacant spot.

E. Removal by Impeachment. Charges can be brought against any officer for the following reasons:

1. Failure to abide by the constitution's stated purpose
2. Any misconduct that is found to be punishable under the School of Law's codes of conduct
3. Failure to lead by the Bible's instruction on how leaders should lead

F. Impeachment proceedings.

Impeachment may be enacted upon a 2/3 vote consisting of all active members.

G. If an impeachment proceeding is voted to occur, the following procedures will be followed:

1. The officer in question will be notified of the charges in writing
2. A special meeting is set up to discuss the charges where all parties are allowed to respond
3. If a decision is made to proceed, a vote will be taken by the membership where a 2/3 (majority) vote is necessary for removal of the officer
4. The group will select the replacement in correspondence with Article IV. Section D.

Article V. Organizational Structure.

A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following officers:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Treasurer
4. Any additional officer ALCF adds

Article VI. Campus Advisor.

A. In order to qualify to be the Campus Advisor, the individual must have an HR status of full-time faculty or contract professional at the University of Akron School of Law. Final approval of the Campus Advisor will rest with the Department of Student Life.

B. The Campus Advisor shall be selected by the President with the help of the other officers.

- C. **The term of officer for the Campus Advisor will be as long as the Campus Advisor wishes or the Executive Committee sees fit.**
- D. **In the event of a vacancy within the Campus Advisor position, it is the responsibility of the organization to appoint a new Campus Advisor within five business days. No business shall be conducted until a new Campus Advisor has been appointed and approved through the Department of Student Life or before conducting business.**

Article VII. Rules and Organizational Procedures.

- A. **Attendance policy for members shall be:**
 - 1. There are none. Since this is a Bible study, people are free to come as they please.
- B. **Organization meetings shall be held:**
 - 1. Weekly or Biweekly, whatever is best for the members at that time.

Article VIII. Finance.

- A. **There will be no dues.**
- B. **Other sources of organizational funding, besides university funding, shall be:**
 - 1. Received through fundraising or donation.
- C. **The organization shall manage its own finances in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the University of Akron. Registered student organizations are not permitted to have outside accounts, other than provided UAF/EAF and SAF accounts which are administered by the Department of Student Life and the SOuRCe.**

Article IX – Amendments.

- A. **The following process must be followed to amend this constitution:**
 - 1. Any proposed amendment(s) must be presented in writing to the membership,
 - 2. Discussion should occur at a full meeting,
 - 3. A vote for acceptance shall occur at the following meeting,
 - 4. The amendment(s) shall become part of the constitution upon a majority vote.

Article X – Nondiscrimination Clause.

It is the policy of this institution that there shall be no unlawful discrimination against any individual in employment or in its programs or activities at the university of Akron because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, national or ethnic

origin, disability, status as a parent during or after pregnancy, status as a parent of a young child or foster parent, military status, genetic information, or status as a veteran. The university of Akron prohibits sexual harassment of any form in all aspects of employment and in its programs and activities and prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual and racial or ethnic orientation in employment and admissions. See UA Board Rule 3359-38-01 (A2).

Article XI – Student Life Clause.

Akron Law Christian Fellowship shall maintain a current registration form, including a list of officers, their addresses, the name of the Campus Advisor, and the most recently amended constitution with the Department of Student Life via RooConnect.