

NURSES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP **PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER CONSTITUTION**

Article I	NAME
Section 1.	The name of this organization is (city/area) Chapter of Nurses Christian Fellowship of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA®.
Article II	PURPOSE
Section 1.	In response to God's love, grace and truth: The Purpose of
Article III	DOCTRINAL BASIS
Section 1.	The Doctrinal Basis of this organization includes the basic biblical truths of Christianity. We believe in:
	The only true God, the almighty Creator of all things, existing eternally in three persons— Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—full of love and glory.
	The unique divine inspiration, entire trustworthiness and authority of the Bible.
	The value and dignity of all people: created in God's image to live in love and holiness, but alienated from God and each other because of our sin and guilt, and justly subject to God's wrath.
	Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, who lived as a perfect example, who assumed the judgment due sinners by dying in our place, and who was bodily raised from the dead and ascended as Savior and Lord.
	Justification by God's grace to all who repent and put their faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.
	The indwelling presence and transforming power of the Holy Spirit, who gives to all believers a new life and a new calling to obedient service.
	The unity of all believers in Jesus Christ, manifest in worshipping and witnessing churches making disciples throughout the world.
	The victorious reign and future personal return of Jesus Christ, who will judge all people with justice and mercy, giving over the unrepentant to eternal condemnation but receiving the redeemed into eternal life.
	To God be glory forever.
Section 2.	All leaders/officers of this organization, leaders of Bible study groups and speakers must agree to the NCF Purpose and Doctrinal Basis in Articles II and III.
Article IV	MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION
	Membership and participation in this organization is open to all nurses. Nursing students m

nay also be included as determined by the chapter.

Article V LEADERSHIP

- Section 1. The leadership of this organization will consist of an Executive Committee/officers and others (as desired/defined by the chapter in this constitution).
- Section 2. Only those persons who agree with the NCF Doctrinal Basis and Purpose are eligible for leadership positions. Leaders must be members of NCF/USA.
- Section 3. The responsibilities of the leadership of this chapter are:
 - a. To carry out the purpose, general policies, and program of this organization.
 - b. To call an annual meeting for selection of new leadership and to evaluate the various activities of the year.
 - c. Be responsible for the continuance of this chapter from year to year.
- Article VI MEETINGS
- Section 1. Meetings will be held monthly or at times decided by the members. Meetings for Bible study and prayer may be held at different times than chapter meetings.
- Section 2. Other meetings for the discussion and presentation of matters pertaining to the life and purposes of the organization will be held as occasion warrants.
- Article VII SELECTION OF LEADERSHIP
- Section 1. The Selection Committee will consist of the Executive Committee and any other leaders whom the Executive Committee feels would be helpful for the process.
- Section 2. The Selection Committee will receive recommendations for new leaders from members of the chapter.
- Section 3. The Selection Committee will be responsible to see that all prospective leaders subscribe to the NCF Purpose and Doctrinal Basis as stated in Articles II and III.
- Section 4. New leaders will be selected on an annual basis by the selection committee for a term of one year.
- Article VIII CONSTITUTION AND AMENDMENTS
- Section 1. This constitution will be adopted with a general consensus of the leadership of the organization or a two-thirds vote of the committed membership.
- Section 2. This constitution may be amended by a general consensus of the leadership of the organization or a two-thirds vote of the committed membership, providing that no change is made in Article II, Article III, and Article V, Section 2.
- Section 3. Amendments to this constitution will not become valid until a copy of said amendment has been placed in the office of Nurses Christian Fellowship, Professional Chapter Liaison, PO Box 7895, Madison, WI 53707-7895.

Article II Purpose

With NCF staff guidance and approval, your group may want to amend Section 1. and include an additional purpose in Section 2. For example,

Section 1. As stated, omit the blank space before *Nurses Christian Fellowship*

Section 2. To fulfill the NCF purpose, the purpose of the <u>(your chapter's name)</u> is to be a fellowship of believers who supports and encourages one another to incorporate Christian principles into daily living and nursing practice through prayer, Bible study and outreach.