

Constitution of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Michigan Tech Chapter

I. Name

a. The full name of the organization is InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Michigan Tech Chapter, hereafter referred to as IVCF.

b. IVCF is affiliated as a chapter of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA®, an indigenous student movement in the United States of America, a member of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students. This charter shall be renewed on an annual basis.

II. Doctrinal Basis

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 judgement 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.

III. Purpose Statement

In response to God's love, grace, and truth:

The purpose of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA is to establish and advance at colleges and universities witnessing communities of students and faculty who follow Jesus as Savior and Lord: growing in love for God, God's Word, God's people of every ethnicity and culture, and God's purposes in the world.

IV. Membership and Participation

- a. Membership and participation in IVCF is open to all students and faculty members of Michigan Tech. No dues are required for membership.
- b. In compliance with Michigan Technological University's Board of Control Equal Opportunity Policy effective February 24, 2011, IVCF will not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, height, weight, genetic information or marital status. In addition, IVCF is committed to the policy of not discriminating against disabled individuals and veterans.

V. Leadership

- a. The leadership of IVCF will consist of a Leadership Team, the Small Group Leaders, and specialized leadership positions. The precise leadership structure will be determined according to the wisdom of the previous year's Leadership Team.
- b. All leaders must be committed to the Doctrinal Basis and Purpose Statement of IVCF in their hearts.
- c. Officers and other voting members must be registered Michigan Technological University students, and officers must have a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA at the time of their selection.
- d. The responsibilities of the Leadership Team are
 - i. To faithfully and sincerely follow Christ.
 - ii. To serve other leaders and members of the organization, freeing them to minister.
 - iii. To carry out the purpose, general policies, and program of the organization.
 - iv. To annually select new leadership and evaluate the various activities of the year.
 - v. To be responsible for the continuance of the organization from year to year.
- e. The responsibilities of the Small Group Leaders are

- i. To faithfully and sincerely follow Christ.
- ii. To shepherd a small group and lead Bible study, seeking God's guidance and power to form a witnessing community.

f. The responsibilities of a specialized leader are

- i. To faithfully and sincerely follow Christ.
- ii. To discharge duties determined at the leadership selection process.

VI. Meetings

a. Meetings for Bible study, prayer, worship, and encouragement will be held at times decided by the members of the organization.

b. Other meetings for the discussion and presentation of matters pertaining to the life and purposes of the organization will be held as occasions warrant. Such meetings may be used by the Leadership Team to organize, plan, and evaluate the organization's meetings and activities.

VII. Leadership Selection and Removal

a. All leaders described in Article V must go through the leadership selection process.

b. Selection of new leaders will be conducted by a selection committee.

- i. The selection committee will consist of the Leadership Team and any others the Leadership Team feels will be helpful.
- ii. The selection committee will receive recommendations for new leaders from members of the organization.
- iii. The selection committee is responsible to ensure that all candidate leaders subscribe to the organization's Doctrinal Basis and Purpose State, as stated in articles II and III.
- iv. The selection committee will select leaders on an annual basis, for a term of one year.

c. A leader may be removed from his/her position on the grounds of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance of her/her duties by a 2/3 majority vote of the Leadership Team.

VIII. Advisor(s)

a. The advisor(s) shall be chosen for an undefined term from full-time Michigan Tech or staff and approved by a majority vote of the Servant Team. The name of the chosen advisor is forwarded to the Office of Student Activities for approval.

b. No voting privileges will be given to the advisor(s) of the organization.

IX. Constitution and Amendments

- a. The Leadership Team will ratify this constitution by consensus.
- b. The constitution may be amended by a consensus of the Leadership Team, provided no changes are made to Article II or Article III, and provided no amendments conflict with Article II or Article III.
- c. This constitution will take effect when approved by the Office of Student Activities. Amendments will take effect when approved by the Office of Student Activities. By-laws will take effect when approved by the Office of Student Activities.