

## The Constitution of ALPHA OMEGA CAMPUS MINISTRY At the University of California at San Diego

Alpha Omega Campus Ministry is a non-profit student organization whose members aim to help each other follow Jesus and make Him known to others in the process. Students will be eligible for membership if they are interested in learning more about God and the Bible. All students are welcome to join the organization and attend discussions, regardless of religious beliefs. The organization will meet on campus once per week. Additional meetings will take place off campus. The club will have one student officer, which will be nominated through a voting process. Members will elect an officer from within the group. The duties of the officer will be to plan and reserve rooms on campus for various events. The club officer will be elected for 1 year and this election will take place in October during the first week of the Fall Semester or shortly thereafter. Officers may be removed based on a vote that is taken within student leadership. The organization will seek financial assistance from the A.S. Finance Committee and submit a budget to them as frequently as necessary.

### *Article I-- Name*

The organization shall be called Alpha Omega Campus Ministry at UC San Diego.

The name of this organization is Alpha Omega Campus Ministry at UC San Diego. This organization is recognized by the non-profit organization, HOPE Worldwide, has received local recognition by the San Diego Church of Christ, and is also acknowledged at large by many sister churches within the International Churches of Christ.

Students reserve the right to partner with and use the name of Alpha Omega Campus Ministry under the approval and supervision of the club officers.

### *Article II-- Purpose and Statement of Faith*

The purpose of this organization is to help students, faculty, and Alpha Omega Campus Ministry affiliates follow God and make him known to others in the process. Additionally, this club seeks to grow in knowledge, faith, and love for God and all people. This entails studying and following of scripture in accordance with the beliefs stated by the San Diego Church of Christ (<http://www.sdcoc.com/i-am-new/what-we-believe>) and the International Churches of Christ. As Alpha Omega Campus Ministry, we "lay no claims to perfection--only a deep passion to love God and others to change the world for the best with His help," as stated by the International Churches of Christ.

### *Article III and IV—Nonprofit Statement/ Membership*

Alpha Omega Campus Ministry at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

Membership is open to all currently enrolled UC San Diego students and all members of Alpha Omega Campus Ministry affiliates. There are no fees or dues for membership.

Membership is not exclusive towards any one religion, sex, race, or other determinants. All are welcome and invited to join and remain in the club as long as they are interested in learning more about God and the Bible.

### *Article V—Frequency of Meetings*

To Maintain Club Eligibility:

Alpha Omega Campus Ministry will conduct meetings at the request of the President, though at least one meeting will be held every quarter. Meetings consist of urgent concerns brought forth by members and/or officers.

Standard Meetings: Bible Discussions

Alpha Omega Campus Ministry will hold weekly Bible discussions on campus. These discussions include topics related to God and the bible. One or more scriptures will be read during each discussion. All members and non-members are welcome to join these discussions, regardless of beliefs or other determinants.

Personal Bible Study:

All students, both members, and non-members are invited to have a personal bible study with either an officer or an Alpha Omega Campus Ministry member who is to be assigned by one or more current officers. These personal Bible studies serve to help anyone interested in learning more about God and the Bible. A personal Bible study would entail subjects related to God and the Bible and usually include two or more people. Ordinarily, under Alpha Omega Campus Ministry, personal Bible studies remain small in number to maintain confidentiality between members and establish deeper relationships. Personal Bible studies will continue until the individual who agreed to or requested the studies wishes to stop.

Other official meetings may be on or off campus and are to be determined by the current officers of Alpha Omega Campus Ministry.

### *Article VI-- Officers, Leadership, and Elections*

Only registered UC San Diego students may hold office in the organization. Only registered UC San Diego students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization's officers.

The positions within Alpha Omega Campus Ministry serve to establish communication between the organization and the University as well as demonstrate biblical leadership according to the beliefs set by Alpha Omega Campus Ministry and its affiliates.

Officer positions may include (but are not limited to)

1. President- The president serves as the primary liaison with the University for the organization. He/she will be the primary representative at all or most of the required meetings with the University and handle some of the paperwork required for Alpha Omega Campus Ministry to retain its club eligibility.
2. Vice President- The vice president's job is to fulfill the duties of the president when he/she cannot. The vice president is to assist the president with some of his/her duties. He/she may sometimes represent the organization when all other members cannot at mandatory meetings held by the University.
3. Secretary- The secretary will document events and meetings when necessary or by the request of one of the other officers. He/she will also be a marketing assistant to the president, making all flyers, posters, cards, invitations, and other documents when required. He/she may sometimes represent the organization when all other members cannot at mandatory meetings held by the University.
4. Treasurer- The treasurer is to determine the finances and budgets of the organization. He/she will work primarily with the president and the vice president to establish and maintain all financial concerns. He/she may sometimes represent the organization when all other members cannot at mandatory meetings held by the University.

All other potential necessary positions are to be under the determination of the current officers. Officer positions will be elected by the current Alpha Omega Campus Ministry officers under the advisement of Alpha Omega Campus Ministry members and the staff at the San Diego Church of Christ and its affiliates. The removal of officers will be held if and when an officer refuses to fulfill his/her duties to the point of disruption. The point of disruption is to be determined by current Alpha Omega Campus Ministry officers. If an officer has reached a point where he/she must be removed from office, the officers will vote to remove him/her and then elect a member to fulfill his/her duties.

### *Article VII—Risk Management*

Alpha Omega Campus Ministry Campus Ministry at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Alpha Omega Campus Ministry at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

**Article VII. Section 1. In case of interaction with minors and/or the elderly**

Alpha Omega Campus Ministry at UC San Diego is aware that all registered student organizations that serve minors or the elderly have access to training on child and elder abuse prevention for its members via the Center for Student Involvement, online or in person (in person by request only). [Name of the organization] will develop a plan(s) for activities and events where members will be interacting with minors or the elderly such that members will receive education and/or training on Child Abuse Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA),

common sense measures to both avoid child or elder abuse allegations (i.e. avoiding one-on-one situations; working with minors in plain view of others; limiting calls/texts/social media posts or other communications with minors), and how to properly report potential harm or neglect to minors or the elderly with whom they are working.

***Article VII. Section 2. In Case of the Provision of Medical Assistance***

In the event that Alpha Omega Campus Ministry at UC San Diego provides medical assistance to a community, all volunteers will work under the direction of licensed professionals (doctors, nurses, counselors, etc.). The University does not recommend that students provide medical assistance.

***Article VII. Section 3. In the Case of International Travel***

Alpha Omega Campus Ministry at UC San Diego recognizes that the University generally recommends against all international travel by Student Organizations due to the myriad of risks travelers face in foreign countries. Student organizations are discouraged from traveling to foreign countries due to the wide variety of risks involved with foreign travel, and the extensive planning efforts required by the Student Organization's Members to manage those risks. Security risks and healthcare services vary widely from one country to another, so thorough research on those topics is especially important.

International travelers are advised to research US State Department Travel

Advisories and the CDC Travel Health site and abide by all recommended alerts and warnings, and procure travel insurance with medical coverage that covers their chosen destination because most USA Health Plans are not valid in foreign countries.

*Article VII. Section 4. In Case of Handling of Hazardous Chemicals, Material, Equipment, and/or Machinery*

Alpha Omega Campus Ministry at UC San Diego recognizes that all student organization activities must be conducted safely, and in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws. Additionally, Alpha Omega Campus Ministry at UC San Diego will abide by UC San Diego requirements for students in labs, including policies for minors in UC laboratories, and ensure members receive safety training regarding the use of chemicals and/or machinery before entering the lab. Members must follow any best practices and lab safety protocols for the use of such chemicals, research equipment or machinery, including the appropriate use of Personal Protective Equipment, and should work under close supervision of those trained in the handling of chemicals/use of research equipment or machinery.

*Article VIII Community Advisor*

The advisor(s) for Alpha Omega Campus Ministry is to be determined by the officers of this year at the University. The advisor does not have to be a staff or faculty member, but he/she must hold to the same teachings as Alpha Omega Campus Ministry.

*Article IX – Financial Management*

Alpha Omega Campus Ministry may raise funds by applying for funds available to students at the University, contributions, and/or fundraising events or activities. No member or potential member is to pay dues in order to be considered part of the organization. Students may be charged for special events and services held by or affiliated with Alpha Omega Campus Ministry.

*Article X Affiliation with Other Groups*

Alpha Omega Campus Ministry is affiliated with the San Diego Church of Christ as well as other Alpha Omega Campus Ministries across the nation. This affiliation provides members to connect with a church as well as other campus Christian students across the country. It does not require any additional requirements, only providing additional resources.