



The Constitution of the Deeper Life Campus Fellowship - Canada

THE

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

DEEPER LIFE CAMPUS FELLOWSHIP



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We have seen the need of setting forth this constitution of the Deeper Life Campus Fellowship as well as to inform other Christians (especially those in the academic world) of the vision God has given to us to carry out in this generation.

This constitution contains the doctrinal stand as well as the administration of the Deeper Life Campus Fellowship. It shall therefore serve as a guide and the basis for all the activities of the various groups in individual institutions.

This constitution and its provisions, being Bible-based shall have binding force on all individuals who are involved in the activities of Deeper Life Campus Fellowship Internationally, nationwide, statewide, and region-wide as well as in individual institutions.

We believe there is no limit to what God can do in these last days if we, like the Godhead, will be united together in one purpose, plan and vision (1 Corinthians 1:10; John 17:21-23). The challenge therefore is for the youths of God to arise “have done with lesser things” and let the earth hear His voice”. Our persuasion is that the last and utmost revival the Church of God shall witness is a revival of holiness (1 Thessalonians 3:13; Ephesians 5: 25-28). It is moving fast and we are moving along! It’s our lives, our business, our religion, our hobby, our sweethearts, our darling, our bread and our meat, our work in the daytime and our dream at night for we know it’s the center of God’s heart. We look forward to the materialization of our goal: to win, to build, and to commission the campus community as we prepare for the coming of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Jesus is coming! No need to despair! He is with us. Yes, He is.

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ARTICLE ONE

NAME AND PURPOSE:

1. The name of the Fellowship shall be called DEEPER LIFE CAMPUS FELLOWSHIP (hereinafter referred to as the DLCF" or Fellowship in all institutions of higher learning.
2. The DLCF shall be a fellowship made up or the following:
Deeper Life Campus Fellowship (Students)

Which shall hereinafter be referred to as DLCF

ARTICLE TWO

MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY:

Membership is open to all students (mainly) and staff of institution. However, true members consist of those who:

1. Have clear testimonies and scriptural assurance of being BORN AGAIN (John 3:3) with accompanying evidence of peace of heart for sins forgiven and gracious ability to live lives of VICTORY OVER SIN AND EVIL.
2. Agree in heart and principle with the declaration of the Fellowship's doctrinal statements, aims and objectives.
3. Lovingly identify with and willingly participate in the activities of the Fellowship.

ARTICLE THREE

ELIGIBILITY AND INTERACTION WITH OTHER GROUPS:

DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION AND RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER CHRISTIAN BODIES:

The DLCF is an arm of the Deeper Christian Life Ministry – Canada registered under Charity Number 850-172-586-RR0-001. This is an affiliate of the Deeper Christian Life Ministry, an international body of earnest Bible believing Christians (with her headquarters based in Lagos, Nigeria) dedicated to the preaching of the gospel of Christ by word and deed and committed to the task of the total fulfillment of Great Commission (Matthew 28:19,20), in this generation. The Fellowship, though not affiliated to any other Christian organization, is opened to all other Christian organizations and their members and offers services to other organization or groups in post-primary and post –secondary institutions in their endeavor to reach all within and outside their denominations.



All who identify and study the word of God with the Fellowship shall be encouraged to worship every Sunday with the Deeper Life Bible Church and to be witnesses for Christ by love, holy living and sensible Spirit-guided preaching of the gospel.

ARTICLE FOUR

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

The aims and objectives of the fellowship shall be:

1. To lead students, staff and other members of the campus community and the society to a personal encounter with the Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ through repentance and faith in the vicarious sacrifice he procured at the cross of Calvary with His blood.
2. To lead Christian believers into deeper knowledge and Christian experiences with the Lord Jesus Christ. To acquaint students and staff with the gracious means of living holy, healthy, happy, balanced and fruitful Christian lives in their environment.
3. To get students, and staff involved in practically fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19, 20; Mark 16:15, 16; Luke 24:46, 47; John 17:18)
4. To acquaint students, and staff with basic Bible principle of success, to help them make a habit of succeeding in their academic work, life career and endeavors.
5. Train students, and staff to become God approved Christian leaders (2 Timothy 2:15) in the "ecclesia:" (the Church universal).

ARTICLE FIVE

DOCTRINAL STAND

The Fellowship shall avoid bigotry on the one hand and latitudinarianism on the other. Believing that 'all scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness' the Fellowship shall teach all the Word from the beginning of Genesis to the end of Revelation adding nothing to the Word and taking nothing from it. The King James Version of the Bible shall be used as the most authentic translation of the original Hebrew / Greek Bible.

The Fellowship shall draw a clear distinction between nominal Christianity and genuine Christianity and between fanaticism and true worship (John 4:20-24). The Fellowship shall teach the importance of daily living an overcoming Christian life. The entire scriptures shall be the only rule for standard of conduct, discipline and government in the Fellowship and pattern of Christian work. Stated explicitly, the doctrinal stand of the Fellowship shall be:



1. The **HOLY BIBLE**, consisting of 39 books the Old Testament and 27 books of the New Testament, is the plenary and verbal inspired Word of God. We take the Bible as final authority in all matters concerning Psalm 19:7-11; 2 Peter 1:1:19-21; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; Proverbs 30:5,6; Revelation 22:18,19.
2. That the **GODHEAD** consists of three separate, distinct and recognizable personalities and qualities perfectly united in one. The Father: Almighty, Jehovah (Genesis 1:1; Exodus 15:11; Psalm 86:15; 90:2 Proverbs 3:19; John 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:24), the son: Jesus Christ (Isaiah 7:14; 53:1-12; Matthew 1:18-25; Acts 1:19-11; Romans 1:3-4; 1 Corinthians 15:3,4), the Holy Ghost: Comforter (John 14:26; Romans 8:11-16, 26, 27; 1Corinthians 2:9-13; 12:1-11) are different persons in the GODHEAD, not merely three names for one person. They co-exist and are co-equal, co-eternal and co-substantial. (Matthew 3:16, 17; John 1: 1-3, 14; John 14: 23-26; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Matthew 28:19,20).
3. THE **VIRGIN BIRTH OF JESUS**, the only begotten Son of God. The incarnation, Deity, Sinlessness, Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1: 18-25; Romans 1:14; 1 Corinthians 15:3,4; John 1:1-14, 14; 1 Peter 2:22-24).
4. **THE TOTAL DEPRAVITY**, sinfulness and guilt of all men since the fall, rendering them subject to God's wrath and condemnation. (Psalm 51:5; Job 14:4; Romans 5:12-17; Matthew 7: 21-23; Ephesians 2:1-3).
5. That **REPENTANCE** is a complete turning away from all sins and its deceitful pleasures and it is required from every sinner before he can truly and effectively believe in Jesus with saving faith. (Proverbs 28:13; Isaiah 55:7; Ezekiel 18:21-23; Mark 1:15; Luke 24:46,47; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 20:21,21; 2 Corinthians 7:10; Hebrews 6:1-3).
6. That **RESTITUTION** is making amends for wrongs done against our fellowmen restoring stolen things to their rightful owners, paying debts, giving back where one has defrauded, making confessions to the offended and apologizing to those slandered-to have a conscience void of offence towards God and men. (Genesis 20:1-8, 14-18; Exodus 22:1:1-7; Leviticus 6:1-7; Numbers 5:6-8; 2 Samuel 12:1-6; Proverbs 6:31; Ezekiel 33:14-16; Matthew 5:23,24; Luke 19:8,9; Acts 23: 1-5; Acts 24:16; James 4:17; 5:6).
7. That **JUSTIFICATION** is the act of God's grace whereby one receives forgiveness and remission of sins and is counted righteous before God, through faith in the atoning blood of Jesus, standing before God as if he had never sinned. That at the time of justification, the justified is also regenerated. By Regeneration is meant the act of God's grace whereby the spiritual change wrought in the heart of man by his crucifixion with Christ makes him a new creature and enables him to live righteously, soberly, and godly in this present evil world. (Psalm 32:1,2; Isaiah 1:18; Micah 7::19;



JOHN 3:3-8; acts 13:33-39; Romans 3:24-30; Romans 4:6-16; 5:2; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Galatians 2:6; Ephesians 2:1,5). That such a person who after repentance, faith in the vicarious and atoning blood of Jesus, justification and regeneration is born again, converted or saved. This experience is called SALVATION from sin and its consequence. (John 1-4; 3:3,7,15,16; 1 John 3:8-10; Isaiah 53:4,5).

8. That **WATER BAPTISM** is essential to our obedience after reconciliation with God. The Baptism is one immersion (not three) "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" as Jesus commanded. (Matthew 28:19, 3:13-17; Mark 16:15; Acts 8:38,39; 19:1-6, Romans 6:4,5)
9. That the **LORD'S SUPPER** was instituted by Jesus Christ that all believers (all members of the family of God) might partake thereof regularly, to "shew the Lord's death till he comes". The emblems used are "unleavened bread" and the juice of fruit of the vine ". Anyone who eats and drinks unworthily brings "damnation" or punishment and chastisement) upon himself (Matthew 26:26-29; Luke 22:17-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-30).
10. That **REDEMPTION** from the curse of the law, healing of sickness and diseases as well as continued Health are provided for all people through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ (Exodus 15:26; Deuteronomy 7:15; 2:24; Mark 16:15,18; Luke 13:16; John 14:12-14; 10:10; Acts 10:38; James 5:14-16; 1 John 3:8; 3 John 2; Galatians 3:13,14).
11. That **ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION** is a definite act of God's grace, subsequent to New Birth, by which a believer's heart is purified and made holy. It cannot be attained progressively by work, struggle or suppression, but it is obtained by faith in the sanctifying blood of Jesus Christ. Holiness of life and purity of heart are central to Christian living. (Mark 1:74; John 17:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 4:3, 7, 8; 5:22-24; Ephesians 5:25-27; Hebrews 2:11; 10:10, 14; 13:11, 12; Titus 2:11-14; 1 John 1:7; Hebrews 12:14; 1 Peter 1:14-16).
12. That the **BAPTISM IN THE HOLY GHOST** is the enduement of power from on high upon the sanctified believer. It is "the promise of the Father". It is accompanied by the initial evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. (Matthew 3:11; 1:8 Luke 3:16; 24:49; John 1:30-33; 7:37-39; 14:16,17,26; 15:26; 16:12-15; Acts 1:5-8; Mark 16:17; Acts 2:1-18; 10:44-46; 19:1-6). We do not teach or instruct people how to speak in tongues, the Holy Spirit gives utterance. We also stress the necessity of purity before power. The Gifts of the Spirit are for today. (1 Corinthians 12:1-31; 14:1-40).
13. That **PERSONAL EVANGELISM** is a God-given and God-ordained ministry for every believer. Jesus commanded and God requires every believer to be a compassionate and fruitful soul-winner, bringing others to Christ. (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-49; John 17:18; Acts 1:8; 8:1-4; Psalm 126:5,6; Proverbs 11:30; Daniel 12:3; Ezekiel 3:17-21).



14. That **MARRIAGE** is binding for life. Monogamy is the uniform teaching of the Bible. Polygamy is contrary to God's perfect will and instruction. The Bible forbids a believer marrying an unbeliever. Also, under the New Testament dispensation, no one has right to divorce and remarry while the first companion lives. When a person becomes converted, necessary restitution in his life must be done without delay if he has married wrongly. (Genesis 2:24; Deuteronomy 7:14; Joshua 23:11-13; 2Corinthians 6:14-18; Proverbs 31:10-31; Malachi 2:14-15; Romans 7:2,3; Ephesians 5:31-33; Matthew 5:31,32; 19:3-9; Mark 10:2-12; Luke 16:18; John 4:15-19; Genesis 20:3-7).
15. That **RAPTURE** (commonly referred to as the first phase or stage of the SECOND COMING OF CHRIST) is the catching away from the earth of all living saints and all who died in the Lord. The rapture will take place before the Great Tribulation and can happen any time from now. "In the twinkling of an eye " without a moment 's warning " the trumpet shall sound" " and the dead in Christ shall rise first, then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the cloud, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (John 14:1-3; Luke 21:34-36; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 5:4-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:5-7; Philippians 3:11,30,21; 1 John 3:1-3).
16. That the **RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD** is taught in the Bible as clearly as the immortality of the soul. Every individual who has ever lived shall be resurrected, some to honour and glory and others to everlasting shame and contempt. (Job 19:25-27; Psalm 71:20; Isaiah 26:19; Daniel 12:2; John 5:28-29; 1 Corinthians 15:1-58; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-16; Hebrews 6:1,2; Philippians 3:8-11; Revelation 20:4-6,12,13).
17. That the **GREAT TRIBULATION** will occur after the rapture and will be a time of terrible suffering on earth. It is also referred to as the time of Jacob's trouble. (Matthew 24:21,22,29; Revelation 9:16; Mark 13:19; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12; Revelation 13). During this time, Antichrist will take possession of the world for a reign of terror. He would not be a system or organization but a person-supernatural, diabolical being, in the form of a man, who will blaspheme and proclaim himself God. (Daniel 8:23-25; two Thessalonians 2:7-12; Revelation 13:1-10). The MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB will take place while the tribulation continues on earth (Revelation 19:1-10).
18. That the **SECOND COMING OF CHRIST** will be just as literal and visible as His going away, and He is coming to execute judgment upon the ungodly. He will also, set up His Kingdom and reign on this present earth for a thousand years. (Zechariah 14:3,4; Matthew 25:31-46; 26:64; Mark 13:24-37; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; 2:8; Jude 14,15).
19. That **CHRIST'S MILLENNIAL REIGN** is the 1,000 years literal reign of Christ on earth, which will be ushered in by the coming of Jesus back to earth with ten thousands of his saints. At this time, he will judge the nations that dwell upon the face of the earth. (Jude 14, 15; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10). During that time the devil will be bound,



(Revelation 20:2, 3). It will be a reign of peace and blessing. (Isaiah 11:6-9; 65:25; Hosea 2:18; Zechariah 14:9-20; Isaiah 2:2-4).

20. That the **GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT** is when God finally judges all (the living and the dead, small and great) who ever lived on the face of the earth, according to their works. This after the Millennium. At that time the finally judgment, known, as the Great White Throne Judgment will be held. All those from ages, who had not yet been judged (believers' judgment, as sinners was accomplished by Christ on the cross John 5:24; 3:17-19) will stand before God at this time. The devil and his angels are judged at this time also and sent to the lake of fire forever. (Daniel 12:2, 3; Matthew 10:15; 11:21-24; 12:41, 42; John 5:28, 29; Romans 2:15, 16; 14:12 two Peter 2:9; Jude 6; one Corinthians 6: 1-6; Acts 10:42; Revelation 20:11-15).
21. That the **NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH** "wherein dwelled righteousness" will be made by God and the redeemed shall dwell with God forever. This present earth, which has been polluted by sin, will pass away after the Great White Throne Judgment. (Psalm 102:25, 26; Isaiah 51:6; 65:17; Matthew 5:18; 24:35; two Peter 3:10-13; Revelation 21:1). No unclean thing will be there. We shall know each other, our knowledge having been perfected. There will be no more curses upon anything. There will be no more night there. The glory of Lord will be the light thereof. (Isaiah 66:22; 2 Peter 3:12, 13; 1 Corinthians 13: 12; 1 John 3:2, 3; Revelation 21:1-7; 22:1-5).
22. That **HELL-FIRE** is a place of everlasting punishment where sinners (those who do not have their names in the book of life) will suffer torments forever and ever. It was prepared for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41) but God has decreed that the wicked and those who forget Him and reject Christ will also be cast there because of their sins and neglect of His salvation. (Psalm 9:17; Matthew 25:46; Luke 12:4, 5; 16:19-31; Matthew 5:22, 30; Mark 9:43-47; Revelation 14:10, 11; 20:10, 12-15).

ARTICLE SIX

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:

1. The Fellowship shall be engaged in such activities designed to fulfill the threefold goal of winning, building and commissioning. These shall include the Bible Studies on regular basis, prayer meetings, evangelistic outreaches (ranging from personal evangelism through tracts and literature to missions), visitation, cassette and video audition and general fellowships. Special programmes such as seminars, sister meetings, public lectures, symposia, congresses, training programmes and others shall be organized as the need arises. Activity groups shall also be formed whenever they shall be found necessary.



2. There shall be a national DLCF congress organized and designed for purpose of achieving the aims and objectives of the Fellowship. Members of the DLCF are to encourage other Christian bodies or groups on the campus including and staff to attend the congress.
3. Regular zonal, provincial and regional DLCF congresses shall be organized and held.
4. For the avoidance of doubt, the DLCF (students) shall have weekly fellowship meetings

ARTICLE SEVEN

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

A. NATIONAL OFFICE

The office liaises and reports to the National Headquarters of the church in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

1. The National Office shall be headed by a NATIONAL COORDINATOR who shall be appointed by the Canada National Overseer.
2. The National Coordinator shall, amongst others, be charged with the responsibility of overseeing all the activities of DLCF national-wide
3. The National Office shall be operated in accordance with the DLCF national Office Rules made pursuant to this constitution.

B. THE PROVINCIAL OFFICE

1. There shall DLCF - Provincial Office in each Province, which shall be located in the Provincial capital.
2. The Provincial Office shall be headed by a Provincial Coordinator who shall be appointed by the National Overseer of the Deeper Christian Life Ministry in Canada.
3. For the avoidance of doubt, the Provincial Coordinator shall also be the regional coordinator for the region encompassing the Provincial Capital.



4. The Provincial Coordinator may recommend for the National Overseer's approval, the appointment of Associate Coordinators and committees to assist in the administration.
5. The Provincial Office shall operate in accordance with the DLCF Provincial and National offices Bye-rules made pursuant to this part of the Constitution.

C ASSOCIATE COORDINATOR

- 1 There shall be Associate Coordinators (who shall be non-students) in the National, and Provincial Offices of the DLCF.
- 2 The National Overseer shall appoint the Associate Coordinators.
- 3 The Associate coordinator will play an advisory and mentoring role.
- 4 Every institution of higher learning where DLCF exists, shall have an Associate Coordinator specifically assigned to supervise the activities of the fellowship.
- 5 The Associate Coordinator shall carry out his / her responsibilities in accordance with the relevant Bye-Rules made pursuant to this constitution.

ARTICLE EIGHT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. The executive committee of the DLCF (students) shall be comprised of the following members: -
- 1 The General coordinator or President: who shall:
 - (i) be the main official representative of the Fellowship.
 - (ii) be devoted to pastoral duties, seeing to the general wellbeing of the fellowship and submitting monthly reports of the same to the Regional / Provincial Office through the Associate Coordinator.
 - (iii) prepare, summarize / teach the weekly Bible Studies.
 - (iv) see, in consultation with other coordinators especially the treasurer/finance coordinator, to the judicious disbursing of the fellowship money.
 - (v) summon, preside over and see to the implementation of the decisions of the executive meetings.
 - (vi) take charge of (or delegate) the giving of announcement at the fellowship.



2. Assistant General Coordinator/Vice President: who shall:
 - (i) assist the General Coordinator act in his / her absence.
 - (ii) In consultation with other coordinators especially the General Coordinator, appoint Bible study leaders where or when necessary and as occasion demands.
 - (iii) coordinate, moderate with assistance of other coordinators, the regular weekly meetings.
 - (iv) where necessary, in collaboration with other executive committee members, appoint individuals to take charge of other area of group's work, especially reception and accommodation of guest speaker(s).
 - (v) coordinate the activities of the Gospel team.

3. The Secretariat Coordinator: who shall:
 - (i) treat correspondences in collaboration with the General Coordinator.
 - (ii) after consultation with the General Coordinator pass circular for monthly / executive meetings and keep minutes thereof.
 - (iii) Write up, keep, and submit copies of the monthly reports to the Coordinator for submission to the Provincial / Regional Office through the Associate Coordinator.
 - (iv) Arrange for guest speaker(s) approved by the Executive Committee.
 - (v) After planning with other executive committee members, make available copies of each semester's programme to members of the fellowship.
 - (vi) Oversee the activities of the Librarian and the Colporteur.

4. The Evangelism Coordinator: who shall:
 - (i) be in charge of all evangelical outreaches to the student population, both within and outside the campus.
 - (ii) Encourage all members of the fellowship to be actively involved in personal evangelism both within and outside the campus.
 - (iii) Coordinate the regular evangelism meetings.
 - (iv) with the help of the colporteur secure materials for evangelism (e.g. tracts, booklets, books article, bulletins, etc).
 - (v) coordinate the activities of the Hall Representatives and Hall evangelism.
 - (vi) Write up the monthly report of koinonia submit the same (through the General Coordinator) to the Regional / Provincial Office.
 - (vii) Prepare monthly evangelism reports to be submitted to the Executive Committee.

5. The Prayer Coordinator: who shall:
 - (i) coordinate the Fellowship's (regular) prayer meetings.
 - (ii) Collect prayer items from individuals within and outside the fellowship and from various activity groups for producing prayer bulletins.
 - (iii) in consultation with the executive committee, shall form and moderate the activities of various prayer group in the fellowship.



- (iv) Be personally giving to the ministry of intercession.
6. Maintenance Coordinator: who shall:
 - (i) make transport arrangement for special programmes especially outside the campus.
 - (ii) see to the securing of venues for the group's regular or special programmes and to the good upkeep of such venues.
 - (ii)
 - (iii) see to the securing and up-keep of fellowship's equipment such as are used for regular and special meeting and outreaches.
 - (iv) Keep an up to date inventory of all fellowship's property.
7. The Treasurer/Financial Coordinator: who shall:
 - (i) be in possession of the Fellowship purse.
 - (ii) Keep an up-to-date account of the finances of the fellowship, and send monthly reports of the same (through the General Coordinator) to the Associate Coordinator for onward transmission to the Regional / Provincial Office.
 - (iii) In collaboration with another individual appointed by the General Coordinator count the tithes and offerings in the offering bags after each fellowship meeting / special programme and keep a record of the same as stated above
8. The Follow-up Coordinator: who shall: -
 - (i) plan and execute effective follow-up for the converts of the Fellowship's various evangelistic outreaches.
 - (ii) Coordinate the activities of the Hall Follow-up Leaders.
 - (iii) In consultation with the Evangelism Coordinator, coordinate the teaching / preview of the koinonia outline.
 - (iv) Generally cooperate with the Evangelism Coordinator.
 - (v) Submit monthly follow-up report to the executive committee through the General Coordinator.

NOTE: the office of the Follow-up Coordinator shall become necessary where the Fellowship has become fairly large.

9. Sisters' Welfare Coordinator

In the minimum, a post in the executive committee (especially those of Prayer and Financial Coordinators) shall be occupied by female member of the Fellowship, who shall be the Sisters' Welfare Coordinator.

The Sisters' Welfare Coordinator shall in addition to her executive responsibilities:



- (i) see to the general welfare of the sisters with the assistance of a female Hall Representatives.
- (ii) Plan, in consultation with the executive committee, and coordinate regular /special programmes for the Sisters in particular and the campus woman folk in general.
- (iii) Represent the interest of the Sisters among the Coordinators.

ARTICLE NINE

OTHER OFFICERS:

The Fellowship shall have other officers, which shall be filled with individuals prayerfully appointed by the executive committee members mentioned under Article eight above. These shall meet with the executive committee as often as the need arises for the smooth running the Fellowship.

The officers are:

1. THE HALL REPRESENTATIVES

The duties of the Hall Representative shall include:

- (i) Conducting, delegating and supervising Hall meetings.
- (ii) Securing venue for hall meetings.
- (iii) Be fully acquainted with the members, their problems, peculiarities, and particular circumstances and develop a loving compassion toward them.
- (iv) Visiting members regularly and mobilize others for visitation.
- (v) Taking proper stock of the spiritual, physical, etc, state and welfare of the members.
- (vi) Submitting monthly report to the Evangelism Coordinator.
- (vii) And all other duties as contained in Appendix B to this Constitution.

2. THE LIBRARIAN

The librarian shall:

- (i) maintain and see to up-keep of the Fellowship's library.
- (ii) Regularly procure new books and cassettes for the library and the Fellowship shall dedicate a prescribed percentage of its income for this purpose.
- (iii) Work in conjunction with the Colporteur.
- (iv) As much as possible be an individual who is versatile in reading (Christian literature) and have created the habit of listening to good messages on cassette so he can be in the good position to help other members with his / her office.



3 THE COLPORTEUR

The Colporteur shall:

- (i) be responsible for acquiring good Christian literature and messages on cassette and shall encourage individuals in the fellowship to acquire (purchase) them.
- (ii) Be in charge of bookstall of the fellowship during regular or special programmes.
- (iii) Work closely with the Librarian.
- (iv) As much as possible be an individual who is versatile in reading (Christian literature) and have created the habit of listening to good messages on cassette so he can be in good position to help other members with his / her office.

4. THE CHOIR LEADER

The choir leader shall be in charge of the fellowship choir and be responsible to and report to the General Coordinator.

5. THE GOSPEL PUBLICATION TEAM (GPT)

- (I) The GPT shall comprise of two units, namely;
 - (a) GPT Graphics and
 - (b) GPT Editorial.
- (II) The functions of the GPT shall include:
 - (a) developing strategies for the publicity of Fellowship programmes.
 - (b) Designing, production and distribution of publicity materials.
 - (c) Engaging in the writing of evangelistic and publicity article for the fulfillment of the aims of the DLCF.
- (III) The GPT shall be headed by the Gospel Publication Team Leader.

ARTICLE TEN

APPOINTMENT OF CAMPUS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be an annual exercise for the appointment of members into the executive committee. The procedure shall be as follows:-

- (i) The out-going Coordinators shall commit all members of the fellowship to pray earnestly in respect of the appointment exercise.
- (ii) The out-going Coordinators shall suggest and deliberate on the potentials of the prospective members of the succeeding executive committee. They shall subsequently nominate names.
- (iii) They shall send the shortlisted names, for the various posts to the National Coordinator through the Associate Coordinator for ratification.



- (iv) Ratification and appointment shall be communicated to the Fellowship for ordination of the new executive committee.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

FINANCE

- (i) The fellowship shall be financed through voluntary tithes, offerings and freewill donations of members. All donations will be duly reported and receipt issued for Tax purposes.
- (ii) Each campus fellowship shall have the power to raise funds for its needs through scriptural means approved by the Associate Coordinator.
- (iii) The fellowship should operate an account. Where the fellowship opens a current and / or savings account(s) with a recognized bank, the General, Financial and any other coordinator shall serve as signatories.
- (iv) Each fellowship shall send the prescribed percentage of the tithes and offering to Regional / Provincial office.
- (v) The Executive committee of each fellowship shall appoint Auditor(s) preferably a worker in the fellowship with the knowledge of finance or accounting.
- (vi) The Auditor shall submit an audited account of the fellowship at the expiration of an executive tenure to the Provincial / Regional office through the Associate Coordinator.

ARTICLE TWELVE

DISCIPLINE

Discipline may be administered on any erring individual whose life is beyond reasonable doubt, found to be inconsistent with the aforementioned Bible standards of Christian living (Ref: Article five above). This may be done by the Executive committee, and after prayerful consideration of the case in question in the light of the Bible.

The General Coordinator may discipline any member(s) of the fellowship after due consultation with other members of the executive committee, and the Associate Coordinator. Any other member(s) of the executive may be disciplined after the General Coordinator and other members of the executive might have consulted together with the Associate, Regional State Coordinators. The General Coordinator may be disciplined (as any other executive committee or general fellowship member) after other members of the executive have consulted with the Associate / Provincial / Regional Coordinators. All cases that may necessitate the discipline of executive members must be reported to



the Associate Coordinator. In general members of the fellowship may be disciplined by the Executive committee in consultation with the Associate Coordinator. Such disciplined individuals may be restored after they have shown substantial evidence of genuine repentance by bringing up “fruits meet for repentance”.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN

CHARGE TO COORDINATORS AND OTHER FELLOWSHIP LEADERS.

The following important points shall be noted by leaders of the fellowship or such as shall aspire to occupy these God appointed posts: “this is a true saying, if a man (meaning male or female individual) desire the office of a bishop (leader, or elder), he desireth a good work. A Bishop then must be BLAMELESS, the husband of one wife, or the wife of one husband as the case may be if he / she is married, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour given to hospitality, apt to teach, not given to wine, not striker, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house (family or the tabernacle / body in which he / she lives as the case may be), not a novice. Moreover, he or she MUST HAVE A GOOD REPORT of them that are within” (1 Timothy 3:1-7 etc) Exodus 18:13-23; 1 Samuel 13:14; 1 Kings 3:7-9; Acts 1:14, 21-26; Acts 6:3-6; 20:17-35; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; II Timothy 2:2-7.

The coordinators’ work is not a profession. It is rather, a divine calling. Therefore, the first requirement for a Christian leader is a genuine sensitiveness to his / her spiritual needs, which means he / she will have an ear that is open to God’s voice and heart that is fully determined to do nothing but God’s will. The call to the ministry is not for weak men. It takes courage, strength of character, perseverance, determination and all the graces of God one can receive and muster to make a success of this important work.

It is impossible for God to use a person in any capacity whatsoever, to say nothing of leadership, if that person is full of conceit, self-satisfaction or self-esteem (James 4:6; Proverbs 29:23; Luke 1:52; Acts 12:20-24). We are nothing in ourselves- absolutely nothing (John 15:5) therefore, we must enter “the ministry” in a true spirit of humility and keep that place of true humility before God and man, realizing our nothingness in mankind (Proverbs 22:4; Matthew 18:4; Luke 22:26; Romans 12:3; James 4:10; 1 Peter 5:5).

We are soldiers for God, ambassadors for Christ, prophets of a Sovereign God. We are ministers! A minister is a servant! A minister is a Pastor! A Pastor is a Shepherd! We must have Christ’s spirit and do His work if we would be His ministers. We must PREACH THE WORD. If we never get beyond preaching the word, we have gone far enough! The more of the Word we study and preach the more God – approved we are (2 Timothy 2:15). But to be able to preach the word convincingly, we must SPEND TIME IN EARNEST



PRAYER. If we lack anything, we must work, dig, pray, contend and earnestly strive for it until we receive it. We must also guard our time with such a jealous care that only a minimum amount is lost, needlessly wasted or spent on useless ventures, trivial matters and unprofitable pursuits (Ephesians 5: 15, 16; Colossians 4:5; 1 Timothy 4:8; John 6:27; 9:4; 1 Corinthians 7 29; Psalm 90:12).

In summary, a minister of the gospel must be discreet, open hearted, frank, dignified and never haughty nor snobbish. He must not be a gossip or a railer but a lover of God's Truth and a defender of the faith (1 Timothy 3:1-3; Ephesians 5:1-4). The minister's call has associated with it, nobility, reputation, purpose, administration (Luke 16:10-12; 1 Corinthians 14:2).

Also, a great part of our ministry is towards the individuals under our care. In fact, our pulpit work is to the individual even though we do not have any person in mind as we preach, to single them out for denunciation. The fellowship group is made up of individuals and will be no better than its individuals in as much as a chain is strong as its weakest link. We cannot deal with the masses and be successful. We must bring our work and address ourselves to the individual.

In unity, there is strength! Coordinators therefore need to work together as a team—"stand hand in hand, and heart to heart, united in faith, purpose, doctrine and loyalty to God and to one another, that every one be effectual to the salvation of soul and the preparation of men for their Heavenly home" (Ephesians 4:1-3; 1 Corinthians 1:10; 2 Corinthians 13:11; Philippians 1:27; 4:2; 1 Peter 3:8; John 17:20-23).

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

1. INTERPRETATION

In this Constitution;
"General Superintendent" shall mean the Pastor and General Overseer in Nigeria
"National/Provincial Overseer" shall mean the National/ Province overseer of the Deeper Christian Life Ministry in Canada.

2 ACCESS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Every member of the DLCF shall have the right of access to the Constitution.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN

AMENDMENT

This Constitution may be amended with the express approval of the General Superintendent through the National Overseer.