

**CONSTITUTION OF
ADVENT HOPE**
At
The University of Delaware

(February 2009)

PREAMBLE

The primary goals of this organization are to:

1. Meet the social, emotional, and spiritual needs of the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Delaware campus to the extent that is within our power.
2. Proclaim to all peoples the everlasting gospel in the context of the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-12 and the Great Controversy between Christ and Satan by uplifting the character of God and His law as revealed in the Holy Scriptures.
3. Lead people to accept Jesus as their personal Savior and to unite with His church in fellowship.
4. Nurture people to prepare for His soon return—through worship, Bible-study, fellowship, discipleship, friendship, service, outreach, and missions.

ARTICLE I—NAME AND PURPOSE

Section A. Name

This organization shall be known as Advent Hope at the University of Delaware—also regarded in this Constitution as ‘this organization’.

Section B. Purpose

The purpose of Advent Hope is to:

1. Meet the social, emotional, and spiritual needs of the students and faculty of the University of Delaware campus to the extent that is within our power.
2. Glorify God and advance the Kingdom of God by lifting up the full message of a loving God—including His Ten Commandment law with its reminder of the seventh-day Sabbath—who has been most fully revealed in the ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
3. Educating others in a life of stewardship towards God in light of Biblical and extra biblical sources.
4. Lead people to accept Jesus as their Lord and personal Savior and to unite with His church in fellowship.
5. Conduct in-depth studies of the Holy Scriptures and provide wholesome Bible-based and Christ-centered programs, activities, and services.
6. Prepare others for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ by the growth of a mature understanding of and relationship with God developed through worship, Bible study, fellowship, discipleship, service, friendship, outreach, and missions.

ARTICLE II—MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Membership

1. Types of membership shall include active membership and associate membership.

2. Active members shall have full voting rights and are eligible for election to leadership positions. Active members shall actively participate, promote, and support the programs, activities and services of this organization as much as possible.
3. Associate members shall have non-voting rights but have an affiliated, supportive, and friendship right to participate, promote, and support the programs, activities, and services of this organization. Included at this membership level are our sponsors and/or chaplain who may, when called upon, function in an advisory capacity.

Section B. Membership Qualifications

1. Membership in Advent Hope shall be open to all students, alumni, staff, and faculty members of the University of Delaware.
2. The organization agrees to adhere to all policies and procedures of the University and all local, state, and federal laws. Members will become acquainted with policies and procedures in the Official student handbook and other policies and procedures provided by the University. This organization is a viable, functioning organization, composed of at least six full time undergraduate students and we do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, veteran, handicap status, or sexual orientation.
3. All active members shall agree and subscribe to this *Constitution*, its *Purpose*, and spirit. Members must also participate in at least 2/3 of the weekly meetings and half of the group activities throughout the semester. The full time, undergraduate members that adhere to all of these requirements will not only be considered active members, but also have full voting rights within the organization.

Section C. Termination of Membership

1. Any member who does not abide by this *Constitution* or whose conduct dissociates him or her from the good image of this organization shall cease to be a member.
2. Any member who decides to withdraw his or her membership shall cease to be a member.

ARTICLE III—OFFICERS

Section A. Student Leadership Team

The officers of the *Student Leadership Team* (SLT) shall consist of: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer approved by the general assembly.

1. The President shall chair the meetings, and lead out in some of the Bible studies.
2. The Treasurer shall have the responsibility of handling reimbursements and keeping the President updated on the organization's financial status.

Section B. Qualifications and Terms for Holding Office

1. Only those members committed to and in agreement with the *Purpose* of this organization and who are in good academic (2.0 GPA or higher), social, and personal standing are eligible for leadership positions.
2. Appointed leaders shall serve for one academic year and are eligible for at least one more term.

Section C. Responsibilities of the Officers

The general responsibilities of the officers is to conduct themselves at all times in a manner according to the *Purpose*, general policies, programs, activities, and services of this organization. Their responsibilities shall include seeking new members, calling general meetings, and promoting and evaluating the various activities of the year. They will also maintain responsibility for the continuance of this organization from year to year.

Section D. Selection of Officers and Members of the Student Leadership Team

1. The *Selection Committee* shall consist of full time, undergraduate active members of the *Executive Committee* and any other person that the *Executive Committee* feels would be helpful for the selection process.
2. Upon the last month of each academic year the *Selection Committee* shall prayerfully search for sound leaders among the membership and receive recommendations for new leaders from the members of this organization for the upcoming academic year. The committee shall also process the removal and replacement of officers. The terms of each officer will start in June and end in May of the next academic year.
3. Selection of leaders, shall be done through prayer, fasting, and counsel from the Word of God. The rule of prayerful consensus shall be the means of selection. Where a consensus is not reached, however, the *Selection Committee* shall decide by majority to cast votes by secret ballots, which shall be prayerfully taken.

ARTICLE IV—COMMITTEES

Section A. Executive Committee

The *Executive Committee* shall consist of the *Student Leadership Team* and, if judged necessary, any one associate member. The highest governing body of this organization shall be the *Executive Committee*.

Section B. Student Leadership Team

Student Leadership Team shall consist of appointed student members to the following offices: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The *Student Leadership Team* will engage in the activity of carrying out and executing the programs, activities, and services of this organization.

ARTICLE V—MEETINGS

Section A. Worship

All meetings include: Mid-week Bible study meetings and vespers services on Friday evenings, on or near the campus of the University of Delaware. Other meetings will include such meetings as prayer meeting, service projects, campus outreach, and fellowship activities.

Section B. Executive Committee

The *Executive Committee* shall meet once per month on a date and at a time that will be established by the committee.

Section C. Notification

Regular meetings as well as special meetings shall be with the consent and notice of those members concerned. Members and invitees shall be notified about the reason, purpose, time, place, and date of each meeting through verbal and/or written means.

Section D. Other Meetings

Other meetings for the discussion and presentation of matters pertaining to the life and purpose of the organization shall be held as occasion warrants.

ARTICLE VI—FINANCE

Section A. Finances

The *Executive Committee*, when appropriate, shall consult the Treasurer to determine the needs for finances—including dues, acquisition of funds, uses of funds, spending, banking, auditing, and accounting of funds for this organization based on Biblical principles.

Section B. Funds

Funds collected, raised, and received by this organization shall be used solely in meeting the *Purpose* and fostering the growth and well being of this organization and its members.

Section C. Disposition of Funds in the Event of Inactivation

In the case of inactivation and dissolution of this organization all funds or monies shall be used to pay all outstanding expenses, contingencies, and obligations. The University of Delaware shall inherit the assets of any Registered Student Organization should the group become defunct.

ARTICLE VII—CONSTITUTION AND AMENDMENTS

Section A.

This constitution will be adopted with a general consensus of the officers of the organization (or two-thirds vote of the active members).

Section B.

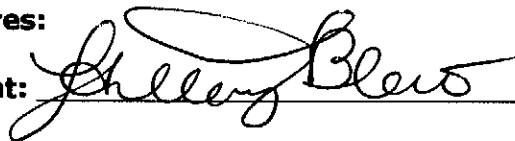
This constitution may be amended by a general consensus of the officers of this organization (or a two-thirds vote of the active members), provided that any change made in the *Preamble* is consistent with the items listed under Article 1 Section B.

Section C.

Amendments to this constitution will not become valid until copy of said amendments has been placed in the office of the Activities and Programs department at the University of Delaware.

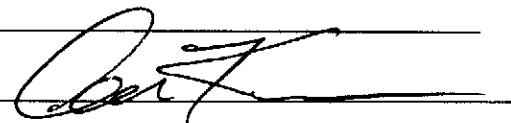
Signatures:

President:



Vice President: _____

Activities & Programs Staff:



Date: 3/26/2009