

Campus Crusade for Christ  
Saddleback College  
Mission Viejo, CA

Welcome to Campus Crusade for Christ at Saddleback College. We are delighted in the fact that you have taken an interest in reading our constitution for the recognized club on Saddleback College named “Campus Cru.” This particular club affords many benefits and unique opportunities to young adult that are currently enrolled at Saddleback College. Campus Cru offers a wide variety of ministry opportunities to help the young Christian adult interact with his peers, and the world around him or her, in a way that glorifies Jesus Christ and sets the tone for a lifetime of ministry.

We are excited to have you as a part of our ministry team! As a member of Campus Cru you are entitled to a copy of this constitution. Please review the contents of this document and become familiar with it as many of your questions may be answered in this document. How can I become more involved? What ministries are needed? What is the Statement of Faith for Campus Cru? How do I become a member of Campus Cru? These questions and many others are answered in this constitution. Once again, thank you for taking the time to read this document. We believe that God will richly bless your time of service to Him at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo, California.

- I. Ministry opportunities and officer positions
  - a. President – Is the lead officer on Campus for Campus Crusade for Christ International
    - i. Job description: Is required to oversee the spiritual well being of the members of Campus Cru. Must conduct a weekly meeting with his or her Associate Evangelists. The President will assemble his ministry cabinet before, during, and in between semesters. The President must submit a paradigm of his or her vision for ministry at Campus Cru for each semester. This paradigm shall be available in print for all members to see at the first week of a semester. The President will also finalize the calendar of events with his or her cabinet prior to the first day of school for any given semester.
    - ii. Position appointed by: The office of the president of Campus Cru is nominated and selected by the Campus Crusade for Christ regional director for Orange County, California. The President elect must be a currently enrolled part time or full time student at Saddleback College.
    - iii. Number of positions: 1
  - b. Associate Evangelist: Is the lead officer for the over seeing of specific ministry departments.
    - i. Job description: Is required to pray for and meet with the individual ministry leaders that he or she is in charge of. Every week the Associate evangelist will lend “hands on help” to the ministry team leaders. Will assist the President in the task of overseeing the spiritual well being of Campus Cru members.



- i. The God of whom we believe in is the self-revealed Creator, Upholder, Governor and Lord of the universe. This God is eternal in His self-existence and unchanging in His holy love, goodness, justice, wisdom and faithfulness to His promises. God in His own being is a community of three coequal and coeternal persons, who are revealed to us in the Bible as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Together they are involved in an unvarying cooperative pattern in all God's relationships to and within this world. God is Lord of history, where He blesses His own people, overcomes and judges human and angelic rebels against His rule, and will finally renew the whole created order.
- b. Jesus Christ
  - i. Campus Cru believes that the canonical New Testament sets forth, and the historic Christian creeds and confessions attest, that Jesus of Nazareth was, and is, the second person of the triune Godhead, now and forever incarnate. Who is, at present, seated at the right hand of God the Father in the throne room of heaven. And is at present living in the lives of men's hearts via the Holy Spirit. Christ was virgin born, lived a life of perfect godliness, died on the cross at Calvary (Golgotha) as the propitiation (substitution) for our sins. He was raised bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven 40 days after his resurrection, and reigns supremely over the universe. And will one day return again just as His disciples saw him ascend into heaven. Jesus of Nazareth fulfilled over 300 messianic prophecies to certify His legitimacy as Messiah.
- c. Holy Spirit
  - i. Shown by the words of Jesus to be the third divine person, whose name, "Spirit," pictures the energy of breath and wind, the Holy Spirit is the dynamic personal presence of the Trinity in the process of the created world, in the communication of divine truth, in the attesting of Jesus Christ, in the new creation through Him of believers and of the Church, and in ongoing fellowship and service. The fullness of the ministry of new life in Him dates from the Pentecostal outpouring recorded in Acts chapter 2. As the divine inspirer and interpreter of the Bible, the Spirit empowers God's people to set forth accurate, searching, life-transforming presentations of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and makes their communication a fruitful means of grace to their hearers. The New Testament shows us the power of the Holy Spirit via miracles, signs, wonders, and through the changed lives of those that put their faith in Christ. At the last supper Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as the *Paraclete*, one that would come along side to help, comfort, and counsel others.
- d. Bible
  - i. The 66 books of the Old and New Testaments constitute the written Word of God. As the inspired revelation of God in writing,

the Scriptures are totally true and trustworthy and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. In every age and every place, this authoritative Bible, by the Spirit's power, is effective for salvation through its witness to Jesus Christ.

e. Christian

- i. *Followers of the Way* were later renamed *Christians* in the city of Antioch during the first century AD. Initially the term was derogatory in indicating that one would seriously follow and believe that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah. However, the name stuck and is used widely to this day. A Christian is a believer in God who is enabled by the Holy Spirit to submit to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in a personal way relationship of disciple to master and to live the life of God's Kingdom. The word Christian should not be equated with any particular cultural, ethnic, political or ideological tradition or group. Those who know and love Jesus are also called Christ-followers, believers, and disciples.

f. Church

- i. The Church is the people of God, the body and the bride of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit. The one, universal Church, is a transnational, transcultural, transdenominational, and multi-ethnic family, the household of all faith. In the widest sense, the Church includes all the redeemed of all the ages, being the one body of Christ extended throughout time as well as space. Here in the world, the Church becomes visible in all local congregations that meet to do together the things that according to Scripture the Church does. Christ is the head of the Church. Everyone who is personally united to Christ by faith belongs to His body and by the Spirit is united with every other true believer in Jesus. Jesus also promised in John's Gospel, in the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter, that Jesus would ascend to heaven to go and prepare a place for His church so that where He is there we might be also. Of which the disciple Thomas asked, "Lord, where are you going and how can we know the way?" To which Jesus replied with the second most well known passage of scripture, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6)

g. Mission

- i. Formed from *missio*, the Latin word for "sending," this term is used both of the Father's sending of the Son into the world to become its savior and of the Son's sending the Church into the world. To spread the Gospel, perform works of love and justice, and seek to disciple everyone to Himself.

h. Evangelism

- i. On the first Christmas the angel Gabriel came to the shepherds in the fields on the outskirts of Bethlehem to bring them "Great tidings of Great Joy." From this derived Greek word, *evangelizesthai*, "to tell glad tidings," this word signifies making

known the Gospel of Jesus Christ so that people may trust in God through Him, receiving Him as their Savior and serving Him as their Lord in the fellowship of His Church. Evangelism involves declaring what God has done for our salvation and calling on the hearers to become disciples of Jesus through repentance from sin and personal faith in Him. Evangelism demands a response; will the shepherds listen to the angel Gabriel and verify if this Messiah business is accurate? Evangelism is an open invitation to hear God's claims and to verify them. And then to act upon it by trusting Christ with your life.

- i. Evangelist
  - i. All Christians are called to play their part in fulfilling Jesus' Great Commission, but some believers have a special call to and a spiritual gift for communicating Christ and leading others to Him. These we call evangelists, as does the New Testament.
- j. The Romans Road
  - i. In a nutshell the Bible gives us the Cliff Notes for what one must do to be saved in Christ and assured of eternal salvation
    - 1. Recognize our Condition
      - a. "For all have sinned and fallen short of God's wonderful standard." (Romans 3:23)
      - b. We don't measure up to our own standards, much less God's standard
    - 2. The wages of sin is death
      - a. "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)
      - b. Wages are something that we earn. But if Christ is our Lord then we are allowed to open his free gift of eternal salvation.
    - 3. Realize what Jesus Christ did for us on the Cross at Calvary
      - a. "But God showed his Great Love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)
      - b. Loving and Giving go hand in hand. God loved us so much that He gave us something we could never afford—His only begotten Son. To not be for God is to be against Him. But God still extends His invitation to us even when we refuse to listen to Him.
    - 4. Put your faith in Him
      - a. "For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead, you will be saved." (Rom.10:9)

- b. The Apostle Paul once stated that this would be one of the hardest parts of Jesus' message to understand, the simplicity of the Gospel. It is so simply that even a child could understand it.
5. Do it now!
- a. "For now is the acceptable time, and for today is the day of salvation." (2Corinthians 6:2)
  - b. If you want to pray a prayer to accept Christ then pray something like this:
    - i. "Dear God, I am sorry for my sins. But I want to thank you for sending Jesus to die on the cross for my sins. Dear Jesus, please come into my life now and forgive me of every single sin that I have ever committed. Jesus thank-you for forgiving me, accepting me, and for even calling me your own personal friend. In Jesus name. AMEN.