

CONSTITUTION

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION AT SADDLEBACK COLLEGE

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization is "Christian Science Organization at Saddleback College."

ARTICLE II - Authorization

This organization is formed and conducted in accordance with Article XXIII, Section 8 of the Manual of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, by Mary Baker Eddy, and with the rules of Saddleback College.

ARTICLE III - Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to encourage and help Christian Scientists and other interested students and faculty at Saddleback College to love God, and to apply the teachings of Christian Science to their academic pursuits and personal relationships, for the benefit of themselves and the college community.

ARTICLE IV - Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

Students and faculty members who are members of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts, or who are students of Christian Science, may become members.

Section 2. Manner of election to membership

Applicants shall be interviewed by the officers. If the officers approve the applicant, his or her name shall be voted on at the next business meeting.

Section 3. Privileges of members

All members may vote, hold office, and chair committees. Only members of The Mother Church may serve as Reader for the testimony meetings.

ARTICLE V - Officers

The executive authority of this organization resides with its members. The officers are elected to carry out the wishes of the members.

Section 1 - Names

The officers of this organization shall be President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 2. Duties of officers

- a. The President presides over business meetings.
- b. The Vice President substitutes for the President in his or her absence.
- c. The Secretary/Treasurer takes minutes of all business meetings and handles correspondence and finances in accordance with the wishes of the members.
- d. Together, the officers shall appoint Readers for the testimony meetings, either on a rotating basis or for a session at a time.
- e. Together, the officers interview applicants for membership and present their recommendations to the members.

Section 3. Election and term of office

The term of office for all officers is one session, but they will serve until new officers take over. When possible, officers will be elected at a business meeting prior to the start of the session. Officers may be reelected.

Section 4. Vacancies

Vacancies will be filled by appointment of the remaining officers.

ARTICLE VI - Meetings

Section 1. Testimony meetings

Regular testimony meetings are held every week during fall and spring sessions. They may also be held during summer sessions if so voted on by the members. These meetings follow the format of Wednesday evening testimony meetings held in Christian Science branch churches. They are open to all students and faculty at Saddleback College and to occasional visitors from the community. The format is outlined on page 122 of the Manual of The Mother Church. Readings shall be taken from the Bible and from Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy.

Section 2. Business meetings

Business meetings shall be held whenever deemed necessary by the members or officers. They may be held following a testimony meeting or at a special time.

Questions of parliamentary procedure will be decided by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 3. Other activities

A Christian Science lecture may be given for the campus community. Also, this organization may participate in Bible Week and other relevant college activities.

ARTICLE VII - Quorum

A majority of members constitutes a quorum for conducting business. A majority of members present and voting is required to pass any business, unless otherwise provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII - Amendments

Amendments to this constitution may be submitted to the membership in writing by three members of the organization. These amendments shall be voted on at the next business meeting. A two-thirds majority vote of members present and voting will be required to pass an amendment. Amendments take effect after approval by The Mother Church and the appropriate authorities of Saddleback College.

ARTICLE IX - Property

In the event of dissolution of this organization, any monies or property owned or held by the organization shall be forwarded to The Mother Church, where they will be held pending reinstatement of the organization. After fifteen years, any such property shall be donated to The Mother Church.