



STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Policy Summary

The following policy explains the basic expectations for student behavior while enrolled as a student within CLIR. Students will be expected to sign this statement upon application to admission into CLIR and adhere to its guidelines throughout their time of study. If students are found living inconsistently with these guidelines, corrective and/ or disciplinary measures may be taken.

Policy Details

Consistent with the school's vision, CLIR strives to exist as a community of brothers and sisters in Christ within which each member of the community contributes toward the discipleship and transformation of others. The leadership of CLIR stands firmly upon the sufficiency and authority of Scripture as the true foundation for all of life and understanding. And, while the school desires to see lives, homes, communities, countries, and regions of the world transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, CLIR's leadership acknowledges that this impact begins within its own community.

For this reason, before acceptance into CLIR, students are expected to provide an authentic account of their conversion to Christ that is consistent with CLIR's doctrinal statement. Additionally, students must demonstrate before acceptance and throughout their time of study a testimony of Christian living that is consistent with the conviction that Jesus is both Lord and Savior of their lives. This means that a student's life will demonstrate before others a clear call to follow Christ in faith, behavior, character, and worldview.

The principles of conduct listed below are only a sample of the kind of mature lifestyle appropriate for Christian leaders. Yet, they are considered as a proper starting point for ensuring a community of existing and emerging Christian leaders who strive to encourage one another in pursuing godliness:

1. **Words:** Disagreements and dissent are a natural part of learning and sharpening one another within community. Yet, even still, the community of followers of Christ is called to engage in dialogue that builds up others rather than belittling, condemning, abusing, or deriding. On the contrary, CLIR's community will be characterized by a commitment to "speak the truth in love" in a way that honors Christ and builds up others.
2. **Status:** The community of CLIR includes faculty, staff, and students from multiple areas of the world and multiple professions. While titles, ranks, names, and achievements may have value within one's personal associations, CLIR's community will consist of a spirit of equality among brothers and sisters. As Jesus explained to his disciples, "You are not to be called rabbi, for you all have one teacher, and you are all brothers" (Matthew 23:8).
3. **Conflict:** As a community of believers, CLIR's faculty, staff, and students must strive to settle grievances and misunderstandings in a way that represents the teachings of Scripture (Matthew 18:15; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11). Boycotts, strikes, riots, sit-ins, or any other form of mass indiscipline or unruly behavior will not be permitted to students of CLIR. Involvement in such behavior will lead to disciplinary action with the possibility of expulsion.

4. **Doctrine:** The doctrinal statement of CLIR is the non-negotiable canon established by CLIR's Owner (New Creation Ministries) and Board of Governors. Yet within the parameters of the doctrinal statement, there is much room for differences of opinion and interpretation. Where doctrinal differences occur among students, it is fully expected that students will honor and respect those differences, humbly challenge each other to better understanding of the Bible and theology, but always seek to preserve Gospel-based unity with a spirit of love and fellowship.
5. **Diversity:** CLIR strives to embrace the beauty of diversity implicit within the Body of Christ. Embracing such diversity demands respecting and valuing others in light of gender, ethnic, national, linguistic, and cultural distinctions. Intolerance, bigotry, or discrimination based on these distinctions will not be accepted.
6. **Behavior:** Students are expected to refrain from all sinful behavior, including stealing, cheating, fighting, sexual immorality, illegal drug use, intoxication, gambling, etc. For the sake of preserving order among CLIR's community (within which are different scruples based on experiences, cultural differences, and levels of Christian maturity), students are also expected to refrain from smoking and consumption of alcohol. While one's justification is not based upon behavior, CLIR recognizes that within communities individuals must often sacrifice their rights in order to preserve the higher virtue of unity.
7. **Intention:** It is expected of CLIR's students, as existing and emerging Christian leaders, that they will wholeheartedly seek to study, work, relate, and succeed in their experience at CLIR by following the command of the Apostle Paul in Colossians 3:12-17:

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Any student who will not conform to this code of conduct or whose behavior is considered detrimental to the welfare of CLIR's community shall be subjected to disciplinary action with the potential outcome of suspension or expulsion.

Effective Date

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