

**A Covenant Between The
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples Of Christ)
And Our
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**



PREAMBLE

Church related institutions of higher education have had and should continue to have a crucial role in the Church's mission. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), desiring to reaffirm its commitment to the role of higher education in the fulfillment of its total mission, and this institution of higher education related to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), desiring to reaffirm its role and relationship in the Church's total mission do voluntarily enter into covenant as follows:

~CHURCH

1. The Church will be a learning and informed Church, which encourages the pursuit of understanding, knowledge and wisdom.
2. The Church will reinforce and advocate the purpose of the academic institution in promoting open exploration of ideas and the responsible use of scholarship in the pursuit of truth for the betterment of institution individuals and society.
3. The Church will recognize the right desirability and necessity of the institution to be under the independent control of its own governing board and not that of the individual, the state or of the Church.
4. The Church will join as a partner with the institution in dialogue between faith and knowledge and in support of academic freedom.
5. The Church will serve as a resource in, recruitment and referral of qualified administrators and faculty personnel.
6. The Church will assist the institution when appropriate in those matters which relate to the pastoral concerns of its students, faculty, administration and staff.
7. The Church will provide supportive services to the institution through the Division of Higher Education' and other general administrative units and manifestations of the Church.
8. The Church will encourage periodic official and unofficial campus visits by Church personnel to further the understanding of the institutions and to discover ways in which common goals and purposes can be attained.
9. The Church will acknowledge the formative nature and on-going worth of higher education in the past, present, and future of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
10. The Church will encourage and assist its congregations in making qualified students aware of the available educational opportunities at the institutions and will share in financial aid to students.
11. The Church will make a financial commitment to the institution consistent with the established procedures for financial support from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and will assist in donor solicitation and fund raising.
12. The Church will state in its Year Book and Directory and other appropriate documents and literature its relationship with the institution.

~INSTITUTION

1. The Institution will focus the learning experience upon the total person through continual inquiry, scholarship, and research among its staff, faculty and students.
2. The Institution will maintain educational standards of excellence with accreditation by appropriate bodies while preparing persons to develop their individuality and to make responsible use of their knowledge, skills and abilities.
3. The Institution will reflect the Judeo-Christian tradition in its leadership consistent with its charter and the laws of the land.
4. The Institution will provide within the framework of academic freedom on-campus curricular opportunities for religious understanding, including Biblical studies.
5. The Institution will use the personnel services of the Church, particularly Its Division of Higher Education, as a resource for locating prospective administrators, faculty and trustees.
6. The Institution will provide on-campus opportunities for voluntary worship and other means for the moral and ethical development of persons within its collegiate community.
7. The Institution will cultivate a service relationship by offering to congregations, regions, and general administrative units of the Church the resources of higher education-personnel, programs, and facilities.
8. The Institution will seek to understand the Church's concerns, aware that the Church and institutions hold in common the development of persons to their highest potential and the shaping of a society beneficial to all.
9. The Institution will include in its structure a means of preserving its Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) heritage and will pursue the vital relationships, goals and purposes common to the institution and the Church.
10. The Institution will give due consideration to admitting qualified students recruited by congregations and will seek to help applicants through counseling and financial aid, irrespective of race, creed or national origin.
11. The Institution will abide by the funding procedures and disciplines established for organizations receiving financial support from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and will administer itself in a responsible manner with financial integrity.
12. The Institution will state in its catalog and other appropriate documents and literature its relationship with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)