



Policy Number and Title:	SL.7.03 Bible Studies & Christian Faith Groups
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Division	Student Life
Policy Section:	SL.7 (Campus Ministries)
Applicable to:	Students, staff, faculty
Effective:	Student Life Management Team (April 10, 2006)
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Contact:	Chaplain

Statement of Policy

This policy ensures that the content of Bible studies and Christian faith groups will be consistent with the Christian mission of LCC and led by leaders that align with this mission.

Rationale

All Bible studies and Christian faith groups actively recruiting members and promoting meetings at LCC must be approved by the Chaplain and be open to general oversight from the Campus Ministries office. This is to ensure that all groups align with the Christian mission of LCC since these groups are led by a variety of staff, faculty, and students from a variety of Christian traditions and backgrounds. At LCC we value this diversity, viewing it as a strength of our Christian community, and ask that leaders teach and lead with integrity, openness, and sensitivity amongst the faith community, respecting the Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant traditions. Leaders are welcome to acknowledge their personal theological perspectives and traditions, but at the same time, encourage participants to think critically with regards to the complexities and diversity of Christian doctrines.

Definitions

Bible studies or Christian faith groups are defined as a group of LCC community members who meet regularly to study the Bible or other relevant Christian topics and are promoted by the Campus Ministries office.

Details

1. The Campus Ministries office promotes a variety of Bible studies and Christian faith groups led by staff, faculty, and students.
2. The content of all Bible studies and Christian faith groups must align with the Christian mission of LCC that is grounded in the historic Christian faith as expressed in the Nicene Creed and Apostles' Creed.
3. Leaders must be Christians who agree to the basic tenets of the Christian faith as expressed in the Nicene Creed and Apostles' Creed.
4. The content and materials of Bible studies and faith groups must be approved by the Chaplain. The Chaplain can provide resources to Bible study leaders and Christian faith groups, but leaders may also find their own materials. The Campus Ministries office may be able to purchase or provide funds for these materials. These materials should be discussed with the Chaplain and approved for use before the group begins.
5. Bible studies and Christian faith groups must be led with an openness, sensitivity, and appreciation for Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant traditions.
6. If groups or leaders promote doctrines or teachings that oppose the Christian mission of LCC, leaders may be asked to step down at any time by the Chaplain. Therefore, it will not be promoted through the Campus Ministries office nor advertised as a Christian faith group or Bible study.