

One Life Church, Inc.

Facility Usage Statement of Purpose

One Life Church's facilities were provided through God's benevolence and by the sacrificial generosity of church members. The church desires that its facilities be used for the fellowship of the Body of Christ and to bring God glory. Although the facilities are not generally open to the public, we make our facilities available to approved non-members as a witness to our faith, in a spirit of Christian charity, and as a means of demonstrating the Gospel of Jesus Christ in practice.

However, facility use will not be permitted to persons or groups holding, advancing, or advocating beliefs or practices that conflict with the church's faith or moral teachings, which are summarized in the attached *Summary of Key Beliefs*. Likewise, church facilities may not be used for activities that contradict, or are deemed inconsistent with, the church's faith or moral teachings. The Board of Directors, or their official designee, is the final decision-maker concerning use of church facilities.

This restricted facility use policy is necessary for two important reasons. First, the church may not in good conscience materially cooperate in activities or beliefs that are contrary to its faith. Allowing its facilities to be used for purposes that contradict the church's beliefs would be material cooperation with that activity, and would be a grave violation of the church's faith and religious practice. (2 Cor. 6:14; 1 Thess. 5:22.) Second, it is very important that the church present a consistent message to the community, and that the church leadership and members conscientiously maintain that message as part of their witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Allowing facilities to be used by groups or persons who express beliefs or engage in practices contrary to the church's faith would have a severe, negative impact on the message that the church strives to promote. It could also cause confusion and scandal to church members and the community because they may reasonably perceive that by allowing use of our facilities, the church agrees with the beliefs or practices of the persons or groups using its facilities.

Therefore, in no event shall persons or groups who hold, advance, or advocate beliefs, or advance, advocate, or engage in practices that contradict the church's faith use any church facility. Nor may church facilities be used in any way that contradicts the church's faith. This policy applies to all church facilities because the church sees all of its property as holy and set apart to worship God. (Col 3:17.)

Approved Users and Priority of Use

The Board of Directors or its official designee must approve all uses of church facilities. Generally, priority shall be given to church members, their immediate families, and organized groups that are part of the ministry, organization, or sponsored activities of the church. Church facilities and equipment will be made available to non-members or outside groups meeting the following qualifications:

1. Groups or persons requesting facility use must affirm that their beliefs and practices and planned uses of the facilities are consistent with the church's faith and practice.
2. The group or person seeking facility use must submit a signed "Church Facility Reservation Request and Agreement" form.
3. The group or person seeking facility use must be willing to take responsibility for the facilities and equipment used, and must agree to abide by the church's rules of conduct for facility use as stated below and as described in any additional instructions by church Board of Directors or its official designee.

Facility Use Hours

Facilities are generally available between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Use outside these hours may be approved by the Board of Directors or official designee.

Scheduling Events

Facility use requests shall be made to the Board of Directors by submitting the "Church Facility Reservation Request and Agreement" form. The event will be reserved and placed on the church calendar only when the Board of Directors or its official designee approves the use.

Fees

Use of church facilities may be subject to a security deposit and/or a usage fee to pay for the maintenance and upkeep of church facilities. The amount of such fees shall be determined on a case by case basis by the Board of Directors or its designee, and is dependent upon how much of the facility will be used and for how long it will be used. Church members are generally not required to pay a fee for usage because maintenance of the facilities are derived from member tithes and offerings.

Facility Use Guidelines

1. Absolutely no alcohol or illegal drugs are permitted in church facilities.
2. Absolutely no smoking is permitted in church facilities.
3. Groups are restricted to only those areas of the facility that the group has reserved.
4. Food and beverages are not permitted in the sanctuary or stage areas.
5. Church equipment, such as tables and chairs, must be returned to original placement, unless arranged otherwise prior to the event.
6. All lights must be turned off and doors locked upon departure.
7. Clean-up is the responsibility of the persons using the facility. The facility should be returned to a condition at least as clean and organized as it was before the usage.
8. Abusive or foul language, violent, aggressive, or sexualized behavior, and drug or alcohol abuse are strictly prohibited on church premises. Any person exhibiting such behavior will be required to leave the premises.
9. Any person or group must sign the "Church Facility Reservation Request and Agreement" form prior to reservation of church facilities.

Insurance

At the discretion of the Board of Directors or its designee, any non-member group or person using the facilities may be required to provide proof in the form of a certificate of insurance demonstrating they have liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000 in coverage and that their policy names One Life Church, Inc. as an additional insured for the time of the usage.

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Church Facility Reservation Request

Organization or Group requesting use of church facilities: _____

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

If the requested use is by an organization not affiliated with the church, please briefly state the organization's purpose and mission:

Please list the organization's website, if any: _____

Please state whether you are a:

Church Member Church-Sponsored Ministry Non-Member

Non-Member Group/Organization

Please describe which church facilities you are requesting use of and the purpose for which you intend to use the facilities:

What date(s) and time(s) are you requesting to use the church facilities?

If you are requesting use of the church's facilities for a wedding and/or wedding reception, please list the names and contact information of the bride and groom:

Bride: _____

Groom: _____

Please list the name, contact information, and religious affiliation of the person officiating the wedding: _____

Please describe the marriage preparation counseling or training undertaken by the bride and groom:

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Church Facility Reservation Request Approval

Your request for _____ to use **One Life Church** facilities on (date) _____, (time) _____ has been tentatively approved by the church Board of Directors or its designee conditional upon your agreeing to the terms and conditions outlined in the affirmation below.

Affirmation

I affirm that:

1. I understand that the church does not allow its facilities to be used in a way that contradicts its faith or by persons or groups holding beliefs that contradict the church's faith.
2. To the best of my knowledge the purpose for which I am requesting use of church facilities will not contradict the church's faith, and I commit to promptly disclose any potential conflict of which I am aware or become aware to church Board of Directors or its designee.
3. I am not aware of any beliefs that are professed by me or the organization I represent and which is requesting use of the church's facilities that contradict the beliefs of the church. I agree to promptly disclose any potential conflicts in belief to church Board of Directors or its designee.
4. I understand that prior to the date of usage being placed on the church calendar, I will need to provide the following items if checked below:
 - A security deposit in the amount of \$ _____
 - A building usage fee in the amount of \$ _____
 - A certificate of insurance showing you or your organization has liability insurance coverage of at least \$1,000,000 and that your policy names One Life Church, Inc. as an additional insured for the dates and times of your usage.
 - Other: _____
5. I understand that the church does not allow its facilities to be generally available to the public, and that my use of these facilities is subject to the Board of Directors or its designees approval, which is conditioned in part on my agreement to the requirements in the "Church Facility Use Policy," a copy of which I have read and understood.
6. I understand that I will be fully responsible for any damages to the church facilities resulting from this proposed use of facilities. Furthermore, I release and promise to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless One Life Church, Inc. for any injury, arising directly or indirectly out of the use of One Life Church facilities.
7. The church believes disputes are to be worked out between parties without recourse to the courts. (See, generally, Matthew Chapter 18 and 1 Corinthians Chapter 6.) Accordingly, users of the facility agree to resolve any disputes through Christian mediation.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Summary of Key Beliefs

1. God We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory. (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, Ephesians 2:8-9)

2. The Bible We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises. (2 Timothy 3:16)

3. The Human Condition We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed. (Genesis 1:26, Romans 5:19, John 3:14-16)

4. Jesus Christ We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus—Israel's promised Messiah—was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate. (John 1:1-3, 1 John 2:1-2, John 12:44-50)

5. The Work of Christ We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation. (Acts 4:12, 2 Corinthians 5:17)

6. The Holy Spirit We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service. (John 16:13-15)

7. The Church We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means

of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer. (Hebrews 10:23-25)

8. Christian Living We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed. (Galatians 5:22-23, Matthew 28: 18-20)

9. Christ's Return We believe in the personal, bodily return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission. (Matthew 16:27, John 14:3)

10. Response and Eternal Destiny We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen. (John 5:22- 24, Hebrews 9:27)

Additional Important Biblical Convictions and Doctrinal Positions

Stance on Same-Sex Marriage and other Deviant Sexual Lifestyles We believe God has purposefully created human sexuality with a clear design for how it is to be experienced. It is the unwavering belief of One Life Church that the Bible clearly instructs us that sexuality is to only be experienced within a monogamous, covenantal, marriage relationship between one male and one female. Furthermore, we believe that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and other similar or related behaviors, are sinful, outside of the will of God, and as such inherently offensive to God.

Jesus teaches that God made each one of us male and female. A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife and the two are united as one flesh (Mark 10:6-9). It is within the bounds of a monogamous, heterosexual marriage union alone that human sexuality finds its fulfillment of God's intention for this covenant relationship: spiritual unity, physical unity, symbolic representation of Christ's love for His church, and fruitful procreation.

Today, many choosing to practice homosexuality are also choosing to enter into legal same-sex marriages. It is the desire of some to also receive the blessing of the church. One Life Church, including employed ministers, staff, board of directors, and volunteer leaders will not participate in or officiate homosexual marriage ceremonies or bless any such union. It is further the policy of One Life Church to not allow use of its facilities for any homosexual marriage ceremony. Just as it is sinful to participate in sin, it is also sinful to encourage others to participate. (Romans 1:24-32).

