



Thrive Constitution (Revised spring 2023)

Mission statement

Thrive is a Multi-Campus Ministry community, that pursues unity across CNU's various ministries, through corporate worship, prayer, and a shared commission to make disciples.

Thrive aims to create a space where believers of various denominations, cultural backgrounds, and campus ministries, can minister to each other's needs, and glorify the father with one voice (Romans 15:5-6).

Biblical foundation

Unity often appears to be a strange concept to base a campus ministry off, so it is important to note the biblical precedent for such a decision. A few of our foundation scriptures are as follows.

John 17: 20-23, "*My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me*"

Ephesians 2:14-19, "*¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace,¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household.*"

Ephesians 4:1-5 and 11-13, "*As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were*

called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

"So, Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

Acts 2:42-47, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

Acts 10:34-35, "³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right."

Psalm 133:1, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

Core Beliefs

In order to pursue unity biblically, it is important to distinguish between what theological issues are considered essential and non-essential. Essential doctrines of the faith are required to be held by all those in Thrive leadership.

Essential beliefs

- In One God eternally existent in three Persons – The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.
- In the inspiration of all the Scriptures by the Holy Spirit, and that they are the final authority for our faith and practice.
- In the creation of the human race in God's image as immortal, morally responsible beings whose purpose is to serve and glorify God. Mankind chose rather to serve self-interest and thus all have sinned, creating the need for individual reconciliation to God.
- In the Incarnation and Virgin Birth of the Lord Jesus Christ who, by His shed blood, substitutionary death, and bodily Resurrection, paid the redemptive price for our sins.
- In the salvation of all whom trust the Lord Jesus Christ and the just condemnation of all who reject Him.

- In the work of God's Spirit in the new birth, indwelling the believer, enabling him to grow in the likeness of Christ, and filling him with power to live a life committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
- In the union of all believers as one body in Christ.
- In the bodily Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to claim His own people and to set all things in order

Non-Essential issues that Christians commonly debate over

- The nature of Predestination (Calvinism, Arminianism, Molinism, etc.)
- The nature of Spiritual Gifts (Cessationist, Charismatic)
- The nature of women in church leadership (Egalitarian, complementarian)
- The nature of the Sacraments (Lutheran, Reformed, Zwinglian, etc.)
- Different views of Eschatology (Premillennial, Postmillennial, Amillennial)
- Worship styles (Liturgical, Conservative, expressive)
- Certain issues of Christian liberty (Alcohol, tattoos, modest dress, etc.)

While the ecclesiological nature of these issues may necessarily divide denominations, that are not important enough issues to divide our fellowship, and unified worship at Thrive gatherings.

Requirements for general membership

Thrive is not a discipleship ministry. We acknowledge the necessity of discipleship and spiritual formation of all believers and believe that should take place in other ministries that are not purely student led. As such to be a member of Thrive, it is highly encouraged, if not mandatory to also be involved in another campus ministry in addition to Thrive. Thrive's goal is to fill a specific need on campus, for unified worship and prayer, and does not seek to provide bible studies, weekly worship and preaching, and other kinds of activities as other ministries already do quite well. If anyone gets involved in Thrive and is not a part of another ministry such as RUF, Cru, Delight, etc., we will direct them to be a part of one of those communities as well.

Nondiscrimination clause: Thrive does not discriminate based on Race, Gender, Class, Sexual orientation/gender identity, etc. We welcome all people to join our events and experience the love of the Body of Christ

Leadership roles

Thrive's mission is creative, and as such how it seeks to fulfill this mission changes from year to year. The leadership positions that follow may change with time, and as needs arise. Thrive has historically hosted very different kinds of events each year, but these 4 positions tend to be the common thread throughout all generations of this organization.

President

The president's responsibilities include.

- Casting vision for the organization
- Spotting out and training up new leaders to pass Thrive down to
- Organizing "core team" leadership meetings
- Planning events
- Handling conflicts within the organization and maintaining unity.
- Diligently seeking to conform their life to the character and morals of Jesus as seen in the scriptures.
- Handling administrative duties

Prayer team leader

The prayer team leader's responsibilities include.

- Hosting weekly prayer meetings with a focus on Unity and revival on campus
- Making intercession on behalf of other Thrive members.
- Embodying with their lifestyle, what it looks like to live life committed to prayer.
- Praying for others at Thrive gatherings.
- Regularly reaching out to other ministries to see how Thrive can pray for them.
- Attending Core Team meetings

Art director

The Art director's responsibilities include.

- Oversee Art Worship events.
- Help with administrative tasks and technology in between art worship events.

- Set up art stations during regular worship gatherings for students to express their worship artistically.
- Teach the rest of Thrive about the unique place of artistic expression in worship for believers.

Worship Coordinator

The worship coordinator's responsibilities are as follows.

- decides set list for thrive events with collaboration from the worship team.
- schedules rehearsals with the worship team
- responsible for providing sheet music and lyrics for the worship team.
- guides worship through music at thrive events.

The following two roles are not meant to be held as standalone offices, but rather as additional labels/responsibilities of someone with one of the above roles. Historically the prayer team leader is also the vice president, and the art director is also the treasurer, but this is not required.

Vice President

Exercise presidential duties in absence of the President.

- Assume presidential office upon vacancy.
- Assist the President with administrative duties.
- Make sure event registration forms and program report forms are completed.

Treasurer

- Keep complete and accurate financial records of organizational funds.
- Sign requisitions for organization funds.
- Report to the President.

Officer elections

Elections of the new Thrive leadership should always be done with extensive prayer and consideration. It is the responsibility of all leaders to individually find successors to their roles and discuss their ideas with the rest of the core team. In the spirit of pursuing unity, all leadership decisions should be decided upon democratically.

Officer removal

While this should never occur, in the event of an unrepentant and serious moral failure, abuse in power, or some other extreme circumstance, any officer may be removed by unanimous approval of all other officers.

Making amendments

As Thrive is a purely student-led organization, it is subject to change. This constitution may be changed by any future president, when necessary, in accordance with the direction and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the approval of the Core team