

CONSTITUTION

LIFEWAY RETIREE FELLOWSHIP

Article I: NAME

The official name of this organization shall be LIFEWAY RETIREE FELLOWSHIP and may be referred to as “The Fellowship.”

Article II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide regular opportunities for fellowship among the membership; to encourage members to continue to be creative, productive, useful, and caring in their families, community, church, and denomination; and to keep alive their love, concern, and support of the mission of LifeWay Christian Resources.

Article III: MEMBERSHIP

1. ~~Any person who is a retiree~~ All categories of retirees of LifeWay Christian Resources automatically ~~becomes a~~ become members.
2. The spouse of a retired employee or of a deceased retired employee is considered a member.
3. ~~Former employees with at least ten years of service who did not retire from LifeWay may be associate members of The Fellowship.~~

Article IV: FINANCES

1. Annual dues per member ~~and associate member~~ are set by the Executive Committee. ~~and are~~
2. Dues are payable at the first meeting of the year or may be mailed to the Treasurer. ~~by March 31.~~
3. ~~LifeWay Christian Resources provides additional financial support each year to subsidize a few specific expenses of The Fellowship.~~

Article V: OFFICERS

Section 1 – ELECTION

1. The officers shall be President, President-elect, ~~Past President, Vice President~~, Event Associate, Hospitality Associate, Membership Associate, Treasurer, Secretary, Historian, Music Leaders, ~~Newsletter Associate~~, Email Associate, and Website Associate.
2. The officers shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee.
3. The President and the President-Elect shall be elected for two consecutive calendar year terms. The other officers shall be elected on a one-year basis with annual invitations to continue serving if appropriate.
4. The officers shall be elected by majority vote of those in attendance at the September meeting of the year and assume their duties on January 1.

Section 2 – DUTIES

PRESIDENT

The President shall be responsible for planning, coordinating, and conducting the work of the organization **including the approved activities**; preside at all organizational functions; appoint a Nominating Committee and designate a chairperson at the second meeting of the year. The president, after completing his/her term of office, shall serve for two years as an ~~ex-officio member~~ advisor to the Executive Committee **at the request of the sitting President.**

PRESIDENT-ELECT

The President-Elect shall assist the President in planning, coordinating, and conducting the work of the organization and assume other duties assigned by the President **including the approved activities**; preside at any meeting in the absence of the President; and serve as President after serving as President-Elect for two years.

PAST PRESIDENT

The Past President shall assist the President in an advisory role as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee for two years.

VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President shall be responsible for planning, coordinating, and promoting approved activities. The Vice President shall work with the following associates:

Events Associate: The Events Associate shall assist the Vice President in proposing, planning, coordinating, and promoting special events.

Hospitality Associate: The Hospitality Associate shall assist the Vice President by serving as lead greeter, maintaining name tags, and coordinating the door prizes during meetings.

EVENTS ASSOCIATE

The Events Associate shall assist the President in proposing, planning, coordinating, and promoting ~~special events~~ approved activities.

HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATE

The Hospitality Associate shall assist the President in proposing and planning approved activities and serve as lead greeter, maintaining name tags, and coordinating the door prizes during meetings.

MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATE

The Membership Associate shall maintain an up to date retiree roll, ~~mail new retiree letters, and~~ assist in special functions. ~~and mail retiree birthday cards.~~

TREASURER

The Treasurer shall ~~facilitate the annual budget development and maintenance,~~ solicit, receive, and deposit all funds of the organization, and make financial reports to the Executive Committee and at the meetings of The Fellowship.

SECRETARY

The Secretary shall record the minutes of The Fellowship and Executive Committee meetings and perform other secretarial duties as requested by the President.

HISTORIAN

The Historian shall keep a record of the major events and scheduled activities including appropriate photographs and materials shared in the meetings which document the fulfillment of the purposes of the Fellowship.

MUSIC LEADERS

The Music Leaders shall jointly plan and conduct the music activities of The Fellowship in keeping with the theme and purpose of the meetings.

NEWSLETTER ASSOCIATE

~~The Newsletter Associate coordinates the production and distribution of the annual newsletter and the reminder cards. The newsletter is distributed approximately six weeks before The Fellowship Spring meeting. The reminder card is distributed approximately four weeks before the deadline for members to make reservations for each meeting (Spring and Fall).~~

EMAIL ASSOCIATE

The Email Associate coordinates the email production and distribution as well as maintains the email mailing list. ~~An Email is sent bimonthly~~ features death notices, new retirees, meeting announcements, ~~and photos~~ and LifeWay announcements.

WEBSITE ASSOCIATE

The Website Associate serves as The Fellowship web master. Updates are made when appropriate for meeting announcements, death notices, “remember when” stories, new members list, birthday lists, and information of interest to LifeWay retirees.

Article VI: MEETINGS

Meetings of The Fellowship shall be held each year at times and places determined by the Executive Committee.

Article VII: RELATIONSHIPS

The Fellowship shall work in harmony with the objectives of LifeWay Christian Resources, and the activities shall be coordinated with designated officials of that organization.

Article VIII: COMMITTEES

Section 1 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers and the immediate past President., The Executive Committee shall meet quarterly or as deemed necessary by the President.

Section 2 – NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members appointed by the President. The President and the President-Elect shall serve as ex-officio members.
2. The Nominating Committee shall present the names of the nominees for election at the September meeting. Opportunity shall be given for additional nominations from the floor.

Article IX: AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of The Fellowship provided the proposed changes have been submitted in writing to the President and to the Executive Committee. The proposed changes shall be published and distributed to the members at the meeting. Such amendments must be approved by a majority of the members present and voting.

The original Constitution was adopted September 22, 1989.
First revision adopted September 9, 1994.
Second revision adopted March 12, 1999.
Third revision adopted September 6, 2002.
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Seventh revision adopted September 13, 2013.
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