

# **Constitution- Community of Praise Gospel Choir Eastern Mennonite University**

**Vision Statement:** To worship Christ through action and Gospel song.

## **Mission Statement**

We vow to serve Christ through song with a focus on African-American Gospel music. Our voices and actions shall make a great cry unto the Lord serving Him. We aim to produce an atmosphere of worship and praise to our God and Savior Jesus Christ. COPGC is not just a music group but a body of worshippers whose purpose is to minister the Word of God (The Bible) through song and action.

## **Article I: Choir Members and Engagements**

- A. Choir practice shall be held every week unless given special notice during fall and spring semester.
- B. No engagement shall be taken without a full two weeks' notice.
- C. Choir members shall not sing if they have not attended the last major practice right before an engagement (the enforcement of this rule is in the discretion of the President/director). Members are expected to attend all rehearsals. If a member is unable to attend a rehearsal, notice should be given to the appropriate Board member. Regular attendance at rehearsal is necessary to participate in singing engagements.

## **Article II: Executive Board**

- A. There shall be an Executive Board made up of a President, Director, Vice President, Treasurer, Engagement Coordinator and musicians.
  - 1. The President and the Director shall be one in the same but if this is not possible, they shall work closely together having one voice. The President/Director shall have the final say on all last minute decisions. However, if the President and the Director are two separate entities the President shall make all last minute decisions with a good understanding and in respect of the Director's input.
  - 2. The Vice-President shall work closely with the President and Director in management of COPGC. When the President is unavailable, the Vice-President is to assume the responsibility for decisions.
  - 3. The Secretary shall keep a written record of all important information. The Secretary shall notify all members via weekly emails for any updates. (However, the Secretary shall always email the President/Director for any corrections deemed necessary before sending regular choir members any email.)
  - 4. The Treasurer shall take care of all financial transactions keeping a computerized account of all finances and budgets, keeping in line with all EMU rules and guidelines.
  - 5. The Engagement Coordinator shall be in charge of getting events and promoting COPGC events. Also he/she shall be in charge of promotions of recruiting new COPGC members.
  - 6. Musicians will help make musical decisions if deemed necessary by the Director.
- B. Executive Board meeting shall be held at least once a month as deemed necessary during fall and spring semester. All board members should be there unless deemed unnecessary by the President or Director.

C. For all situations that have two or more weeks to be decided upon, a vote shall be taken amongst the Executive Board. The President has the right to veto any decision but this can be overturned by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote against the President by the Executive Board.

D. All Presidents and Directors shall be appointed by the current President or COPGC advisor. All other Executive Board members shall be voted upon by Choir members except in times of great need.

E. Advisor must be an employee of EMU and serves to support and advise COPGC.