

Constitution- Peace Fellowship Eastern Mennonite University

Article I: Purpose

Peace Fellowship is a student initiated and student led organization that, motivated by our Christian faith and Anabaptist theology, engages issues of peace and social justice by providing opportunities for personal and community growth, education, dialogue, action, and witness.

Article II: Membership

Peace Fellowship welcomes any EMU student, faculty, or staff member into membership in affirmation of EMU's nondiscrimination policy: "Eastern Mennonite University does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, age, handicap, national or ethnic origin in administration of its school-administered programs" nor on the basis of religious affiliation or sexual orientation.

Members who attend meetings are included in the decision-making process. All members are welcome to attend any meetings they are able. For the benefit of attending and absent members, minutes from each meeting will be emailed to everyone on the email list compiled at the beginning of the semester. Persons may add or remove themselves from the email list at any time by notifying the Secretary.

Article III: Officers and Elections

Peace Fellowship officers include 1-3 Co-Leaders, Secretary, and other project or committee chairs as the occasion requires.

- Co-Leaders will call meetings, prepare and direct the agenda items of the meeting, and when specific activities and programs are designed, one of the Co-Leaders will be designated as the contact member for that event.
- The Secretary will record the topics at each meeting and will send out email updates to all interested members.

Any interested member of Peace Fellowship who is willing to commit time and energy to sustaining the organization is eligible for consideration of an officer position. Officers will be elected/appointed at the end of each academic year for the following year by a majority vote. In the event of vacancy prior to the annual elections, Peace Fellowship members can nominate an interested member to the position. Officers serve one academic year and, following the completion of their term, may remain in office if there is not an outside interest in the position. This in fact, encouraged as the out-going officers can assist the newer officers in achieving familiarity with the club operations.

Article IV: Meetings

Ideally Peace Fellowship will meet weekly, or as the agenda requires. Each year, Peace Fellowship will agree on a time and location to meet according to the needs of the current group. Decisions to change the location and/or time of weekly meetings will be made at the group's discretion and all members will be notified via email.

Article V: Advisor

In the case of a vacancy in the Peace Fellowship advisor position, members will have the opportunity to make nominations. Once the group has decided on a candidate, the Co-Leaders will invite the faculty member to the

position. The faculty member is not expected to attend meetings although they are always welcome to do so. Their role is that of a mentor and resource person as well as to provide continuity for the group. The advisor ought to have some expertise in the area of peace and justice so that group members may go to them for advice and support. They have the privilege of signing expenditures and communications to the wider campus.

Article VI: Amendments

Any member of Peace Fellowship may propose an amendment to this constitution at any time. Members will be notified of the proposed change, and the meeting at which the amendment will be considered, by email. Members may choose to respond by email but they are encouraged to attend the meeting. A 2/3 majority of respondents is required for an amendment to be ratified.

Article VII: Ratification

The final draft of this constitution will be presented at a meeting sent to members if the email list for approval. To be adopted, 3/4 of the responding members must give their approval either at the meeting or through email.