

CONSTITUTION OF THE CENTRE FOR JEWISH-CATHOLIC-MUSLIM LEARNING

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ARTICLE 1: NAME

The official name of the organization will be “THE CENTRE FOR JEWISH-CATHOLIC-MUSLIM LEARNING AT KING’S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,” and may be referred to as “CJCML.” No other name will be used in the advertisement or representation of the Centre.

ARTICLE 2: MISSION STATEMENT

The CJCML is dedicated to building bridges of mutual understanding and profound respect among Jews, Catholics and Muslims.

ARTICLE 3: VISION STATEMENT

The vision of the CJCML is to create opportunities for the relationship among Jews, Catholics, and Muslims to deepen, and to reflect the noblest values and highest ideals of their common spiritual heritage as children of Abraham.

ARTICLE 4: MANDATE

- (i) to educate citizens of the area, especially leaders and teachers, within and outside the university community, so that they can share a genuine appreciation and understanding of our rich religious heritage;
- (ii) To facilitate learning about Judaism, Catholicism and Islam by creating contexts and venues in which people of these faiths can represent themselves to others;
- (iii) To promote understanding and foster engagement through a commitment to reduce the sense of alienation often felt among Jews, Catholics and Muslims;
- (iv) To empower others to become more aware of the shared historical and religious heritage that binds Jews, Catholics and Muslims.

ARTICLE 5: OBJECTIVES

- (i) to propose, advise and contribute to initiatives in keeping with the mission of the Centre;
- (ii) to ensure the initiatives of the Centre are in keeping with the mission of King’s University College
- (iii) to cooperate with individual departments of King’s University College in the design and promotion of courses which touch on the relationship between Jews and Christians, Jews and Muslims, Christians and Muslims or between all three Abrahamic faiths, i.e. history, religious studies, political science, et al.
- (iv) to organize an annual lecture in coordination with the Office of Campus Ministry, through the Religious Life Lecture Series

- (v) to coordinate with other bodies at King's University College, conferences, symposia, public presentations, and other professional development events
- (vi) to collaborate with any regional institutions or bodies in the promotion of the relationship(s) which are part of the Centre's vision
- (vii) to encourage and sponsor, where possible, the research work of scholars on the relationship(s) which are part of the Centre's vision
- (viii) to cooperate with the staff of Cardinal Carter Library and of A.P. Mahoney Library to the end of increasing their present holdings and acquisition of future resources in the area of Jewish-Christian-Muslim relations
- (ix) to make resources available to the wider community concerning Jewish-Christian-Muslim relations

ARTICLE 6: MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD

6.1 The Centre shall be governed by a Board of Directors, made up of the following persons:

- (i) The Principal of King's University College, or designate [*ex officio*]
- (ii) The Academic Dean of King's University College, or designate [*ex officio*]
- (iii) The Director of the Office of Campus Ministry, or designate [*ex officio*]
- (iv) One (1) rabbi or delegate from one of the three streams of Judaism in London: Conservative, Orthodox or Reform
- (v) One (1) imam, or designate from one of the two streams of Islam in London: Sunni or Shi'a
- (vi) Two (2) faculty representatives from King's University College
- (vii) Three (3) student representatives, one Jewish, one Catholic and one Muslim
- (viii) Two (2) community representatives, regardless of religion
- (ix) Up to three (3) members-at-large may be appointed at the discretion of the Executive Committee, regardless of religion

6.2 All members, except student representatives, shall be appointed to serve on the Board for a renewable term of three (3) years.

6.3 Student representatives will be appointed for a renewable term of one (1) year.

6.4 The following selection procedures will be observed for appointing members to the Board:

- (i) The faculty representatives from King's University College shall be proposed by the Nominating Committee of College Council.
- (ii) The rabbi and imam, or delegates, will be appointed by the Executive based on recommendations of the members of the Board of Directors
- (iii) Student representatives will be appointed by the Executive based on the recommendations of the members of the Board of Directors
- (iv) The community representatives will be appointed by the Executive based on recommendations of the members of the Board of Directors

6.5 Any member who is absent from two (2) consecutive meetings without due cause may be asked to resign on the recommendation of the Executive.

6.6 Any members of the Board may resign by filing a written resignation with the Executive.

ARTICLE 7: THE EXECUTIVE

7.1 The Board of Directors shall be governed by the Executive, made up of the following persons:

- (i) Chair
- (ii) Secretary
- (iii) Treasurer
- (iv) Member at Large

7.2 The members of the executive will be elected by their peers from among the members of the Board of Directors.

7.3 The members of the executive will be appointed for a renewable term of two (2) years

7.4 The secretary shall keep a true record of the minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board. The secretary shall distribute copies of same to all members of the Board, at least one month prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. The secretary shall assist in conducting the business of the Board and in performing other duties as may be assigned by the Board or the Executive.

7.5 The responsibilities of the Executive shall include:

- (i) preparation of the agenda for all meetings of the Board;
- (ii) recommendation of invitees to the Board;
- (iii) the implementation of directives of the Board;
- (iv) preparation of a budget for approval of the Board;
- (v) consultation with academic departments, Office of Campus Ministry and community groups regarding possible initiatives in keeping with the mission of the Centre;
- (vi) providing an annual report to College Council of all the Centre's activities;

ARTICLE 8: MEMBERSHIP OF THE CENTRE

8.1 Membership in the CJCML is open to any individual who is interested in furthering the mission of the Centre according to the mandate contained herein and will be referred to as "Members of the Centre for Jewish-Catholic-Muslim Learning."

8.2 Members of the Centre will be welcome at General Board Meetings as observers/guests, will not count toward quorum and will not be eligible to vote on motions.

8.3 Members of the Centre will be recognized by way of a membership card.

8.4 Members of the Centre may be asked to serve on sub-committees as required; further participation will be at the discretion of the Executive.

ARTICLE 9: MEETINGS

9.1 Meetings of the Board shall be held at least twice per academic term. Notice of and agenda for such regular meetings shall be made available to members at least one week prior to the meeting.

9.2 Special meetings of the Board may be convened by the chairperson as required.

9.3 A majority, that is 50% +1, of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 10: FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

10.1 The Board of Directors is to exercise prudent general stewardship over the CJCML's financial and other resources.

10.2 The treasurer, in consultation with the members of the Executive and the Chief Financial Officer of King's University College will prepare an annual fiscal budget, to be submitted for approval to the Board of Directors

ARTICLE 11: COMMITTEES

The Board shall establish committees as required to fulfill the goals and objectives of the Centre.

ARTICLE 12: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of the Board of Directors on the recommendation of the Executive. Amendments so adopted require ratification by the College Council.