

<b>Policy Number:</b>	<b>1.4.8 Flags and Symbols</b>
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**Relevant Statutory /  
Regulatory Linkages:**

King's University College By-Law

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Canada Criminal Code

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**Policy Statement (Intent and Scope)**

**1. Purpose:**

**1.1** The purpose of the King's University College (King's) Flags and Symbols Policy is to ensure that all flags flown and symbols publicly displayed at King's are done so in an appropriate and consistent manner. The policy provides clarity on the raising of official flags (see below) on campus, and the process for requesting the raising of flags or displaying symbols on King's campus that are not officially recognised by this policy.

**2.0 Principles**

As a public Catholic university, flags and symbols will:

- a) be consistent with the Catholic vision and values of King's;
- b) be consistent with encouraging equity, inclusion, diversity, and social justice;
- c) not promote marginalization of a particular group(s), be considered to incite hatred against any identifiable group as defined in the Canada Criminal Code; and
- d) not bring about undue reputational risk to King's.

**3.0 Application of this Policy:**

**3.1** The policy shall apply to all King's flagstaffs, the location of which is at the discretion of the Principal. It shall also apply to spaces that are accessible to the public where symbols can be displayed.

**3.2** Three official flags will be flown daily from the King's University College flagstaffs. These official three flags are:

- the national flag of Canada;
- the provincial flag of Ontario; and

- the King's University College flag.
- Any other permanent flags will require approval by the Board.

**3.3** Additional flags and symbols that are aligned with the values and mission of King's as a public Catholic university may be raised or displayed at the discretion of the Principal. Flags and symbols shall not be displayed or raised if any of the following conditions are met:

- Events, causes, organizations, or national flags with no direct relationship to King's;
- Individual or personal symbols or flags; or
- Campaigns intended for profit making purposes.

The Principal shall determine if a flag or symbol violates one of the conditions above. The Principal may undertake consultations to inform their opinion on flags and symbols.

**3.4** The Principal shall have a policy on the lowering of flags to half-mast.

#### **4.0 Responsibilities:**

The Principal will have a procedure to receive requests either to raise a flag that is not an official King's flag or to lower flags to half-mast. The Principal will have a procedure to review requests to display symbols on King's campus.

#### **Monitoring**

1. The Principal will report to the Board on any new flags and symbols that have been permanently added to King's campus.