

# CONSTITUTION OF LAMPSTAND COVENANT CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



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MOTTO: Lighting the World through Knowledge and Faith

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### PREAMBLE

We, the founders of Lampstand Covenant Christian University (LCCU), in obedience to the Great Commission and for the advancement of Christ-centered, academically sound education, do hereby establish this constitution to guide and govern our operations in accordance with the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), and the National Universities Commission (NUC).

### ARTICLE 1: NAME AND LEGAL STATUS

**1.1 Name:** The name of the institution shall be **Lampstand Covenant Christian University (LCCU)**.

**1.2 Legal Status:** LCCU shall be a faith-based, non-profit, private tertiary educational institution incorporated under the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and recognized by the CAC and the NUC.

**1.3 Motto:** “Lighting the World through Knowledge and Faith”

### ARTICLE 2: VISION AND MISSION

**2.1 Vision:** To be a world-class Christian university committed to producing morally upright, intellectually competent, and spiritually mature leaders for global impact.

**2.2 Mission:** To provide holistic education rooted in Christian values and academic excellence.

**2.3 Core Values:** Integrity, Excellence, Faith, Leadership, Service, Innovation.

### ARTICLE 3: CORE VALUES

- Christ-Centeredness
- Academic Excellence
- Integrity and Accountability
- Innovation
- Community and Global Engagement

### ARTICLE 4: OBJECTIVES

LCCU shall aim to:

- 4.1** Offer diploma, undergraduate, and postgraduate academic programs in diverse disciplines.
- 4.2** Conduct research and scholarly activities aligned with biblical ethics and human development.
- 4.3** Promote moral and spiritual growth through chaplaincy, mentorship, and service.
- 4.4** Establish partnerships with local and international Christian and academic bodies.
- 4.5** Provide extension services and community engagement for social transformation.

## ARTICLE 5: GOVERNING STRUCTURE

**5.1 Board of Trustees (BoT):** - Shall serve as the supreme governing authority. - Shall consist of a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 15 members. - Shall hold office for 4 years, renewable once. - Shall approve major policies, financial plans, property acquisitions, and institutional development goals.

**5.2 Governing Council:** - Appointed by the BoT. - Shall oversee academic, financial and administrative governance. - Shall consist of the Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Deans, Legal Adviser, Chaplain and representatives of faculty, staff, and students.

**5.3 Management Team:** - Headed by the Vice Chancellor. - Includes Deputy Vice Chancellors, Registrar, Bursar, Librarian, Deans and Chaplain.

**5.4 Academic Senate:** - Oversees academic standards and programs. - Approves curricula, examinations, and conferment of degrees.

**5.5 Chapel Governance (for Faith-based Alignment).** A Chapel Board shall oversee religious programs and spiritual growth of the institution, including chapel services and Christian ministerial code for all academic staff.

## ARTICLE 6: ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

**4.1** Establishment of faculties, departments, directorates, and centers.

**4.2** Appointments of Deans, Heads of Department (HODs), and Unit Directors shall follow standard academic procedures.

## ARTICLE 7: STAFFING AND EMPLOYMENT

**7.1** Employment shall be merit-based and in line with LCCU Service handbook.

**7.2** Regular performance appraisal shall be conducted.

**7.3** Terms of service, grievance, and disciplinary processes shall be transparent and fair.

## ARTICLE 8: OFFICES AND OFFICERS

**8.1 Board of Trustees:** - The legal and moral custodian of the university

**8.2 Vice Chancellor:** - Chief Executive Officer. - Accountable to the Council and Board.

**8.3 Deputy Vice Chancellor I:** - Assist the Vice Chancellor on administrative matters

**8.4 Deputy Vice Chancellor II:** - Assist the Vice Chancellor in academic matters

**8.5 Registrar:** - Head of administration and secretary to Council and Senate.

**8.6 Bursar:** - Financial officer of the university.

**8.7 University Chaplain:** - Oversees spiritual and moral life.

**8.8 Deans of Faculties:** - Manage faculties and academic departments.

## **ARTICLE 9: FACULTIES AND DEPARTMENTS**

LCCU shall consist of, but not limited to, the following departments: - Department of Religion and Philosophy - Department of Linguistics - Department of Physiology, Psychology & Health Sciences - Department of Media and Communication - Department of Business and Leadership - Chaplaincy Training Institute

## **ARTICLE 10: ADMISSIONS AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

**10.1 Admissions:** - Open to all qualified candidates irrespective of race, tribe, or gender, who subscribe to the university's Christian ethos. Admissions shall be based on academic merit, character, and commitment to institutional values.

**10.2 Programs:** - Diploma, Bachelor's, Master's, and Certificate programs. - All academic programs shall align with NUC guidelines and biblical values. Academic Freedom shall be respected within the boundaries of the Christian worldview. Intellectual Property (IP) developed by staff or students in the course of their academic work shall be protected.

## **ARTICLE 11: FINANCE AND PROPERTY**

**11.1 Sources of Funds:** - Tuition fees, grants, donations, investments, and other legitimate sources.

**11.2 Financial Management:** - Annual budgets to be approved by the Board. - Annual audit by certified accountants.

**11.3 Asset Ownership:** - All assets shall be owned in the name of the university as a corporate entity.

## **ARTICLE 12: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

**12.1** Annual budget shall be prepared and approved by the Governing Council.

**12.2** All financial records shall be audited annually by external auditors.

**12.3** CAC-mandated annual returns shall be filed.

**12.4** Receipt issuance, procurement, and expenditure shall follow standardized policies.

## **ARTICLE 13: DISCIPLINE AND CONDUCT**

**13.1 Staff and Students:** - Shall uphold Christian ethics, professional integrity, and lawful conduct. All staff and students shall sign and uphold a code of conduct.

**13.2 Disciplinary Procedures:** - Fair hearing guaranteed. - Panels to be constituted for major cases. Conflict of interest, academic dishonesty, harassment, or discrimination shall attract strict sanctions.

## **ARTICLE 14: STUDENT LIFE AND DISCIPLINE**

**14.1** The Dean of Students shall oversee student welfare, discipline, and engagement.

**14.2** Student Union Government (SUG) may be formed with Senate approval.

**14.3** Disciplinary actions shall follow due process.

## **ARTICLE 15: TECHNOLOGY AND DATA POLICY**

The university shall implement policies on:

**15.1** Online learning and technology use

**15.2** Data privacy and cyber-security

## **ARTICLE 16: RESEARCH AND ETHICS**

**16.1** All research involving humans, data, or animals must receive ethics clearance.

**16.2** A Research and Ethics Committee (REC) shall be established.

**16.3** Research grants and publication standards shall be guided by national and international norms.

## **ARTICLE 17: MEMBERSHIP**

**17.1** Categories: Academic Staff, Non-academic Staff, Students, Alumni, Partners.

**17.2** Honorary membership may be conferred by the Senate.

## **ARTICLE 18: COMMUNITY SERVICE AND EXTENSION**

**18.1** Each faculty and department shall promote community engagement.

**18.2** Volunteerism, internship, and service-learning programs shall be encouraged.

## **ARTICLE 19: AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION**

This constitution may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Trustees at a duly convened meeting. Any amendment shall be submitted to CAC and relevant authorities as required by law.

## **ARTICLE 20: DISSOLUTION**

In the event of dissolution, all assets shall be transferred to other registered Christian educational or charitable institutions, as determined by the Board of Trustees, in line with the university's mission and non-profit status.

## **ARTICLE 21: SUPREMACY CLAUSE**

**21.1** This Constitution shall be supreme and binding on all members of Lampstand Covenant Christian University.

**21.2** Any policy, action, or directive inconsistent with this Constitution shall be deemed null and void to the extent of its inconsistency.

Adopted this day, by the Founding Member(s) and Trustees of Lampstand Covenant Christian University.

**Signatories:**

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Chairman, Board of Trustees

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Vice-Chancellor

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Legal Advisor