***Article I: Name***

**The name of this organization shall be Alpha Omega at Iowa State University.**

***Article II: Purpose***

**Alpha Omega is just a group of bible believers. We are college students and recent graduates ourselves and we can attest to how difficult it is to survive college and graduate as a faithful Christian. It can be done! But it can't be done without obedience to the word and a strong group of Christians supporting you. That is what we seek to accomplish at Iowa State.**

**We live according to the attached Statement of Faith (Article XI).**

***Article III: Statement of Compliance***

**“Alpha Omega abides by and supports established Iowa State University policies, State and Federal Laws and follows local ordinances and regulations. Alpha Omega agrees to annually complete President’s Training, Treasurer’s Training and Adviser Training (if required)”**

***Article IV: Non-Discrimination Statement***

**Iowa State University and Alpha Omega do not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, sex, pregnancy, color, religion, national origin, physical or mental disability, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information or status as a U.S Veteran.**

***Article V: Membership***

**Membership shall be open to anyone interested, without regard to race, ethnicity, sex, pregnancy, color, religion, national origin, physical or mental disability, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information or status as a U.S Veteran. Members are expected to behave in a manner becoming of the organization, based on biblical principles (see Statement of Faith (Article XI)).**

**Membership in the student organization does not constitute membership in the Des Moines Church of Christ; however membership in the Des Moines Church of Christ presupposes membership and active participation in the Alpha Omega campus ministry.**

***Article VI: Risk Management***

     **It is understood that the role of the risk management officer is to [a] help minimize potential risks for club activities, [b] recommend risk management policies or procedures to Alpha Omega, [c] to submit documentation to ISU’s Risk Management Office and [d] to ensure that Iowa State University policies are followed at all of the organization’s events and [e] to ensure that proper waivers and background checks are on file with Risk Management for events (if applicable)**

***Article VII: Officers -***

**Officer Duties and Term of Service—**

* **President- The primary role of the President is to plan organization meetings, and activities. The President will also be the primary contact for any questions or concerns that members or non-members may have. The President’s term of service will be a full academic year (Fall to Spring semester).**
* **Treasurer- The Treasurer is responsible for handling the organizations finances, and collecting any fees from members related to club activities or events. The treasurer will be the sole individual to receive financial information and, as such, will give a report of this information at Alpha Omega meetings. The Treasurer’s term of service will be a full academic year (Fall to Spring semester)**
* **Adviser- The Adviser will serve as a resource for the Executive Board for any questions or concerns they may have. The Adviser is also welcome to participate in all organizational events and activities.**

**·**       **Method of election of officers — Officers will be appointed by the staff of the representative International Church of Christ. Students may apply for available offices or be recommended based on showing merit and maturity in the areas outlined in the Statement of Faith.**

**·**      **Dates for election of officers — The term of office will be one full academic year (Fall to Spring Semester). The student leadership team will be decided at the start of each school year and a student my be elected to the same position any number of times.**

**·**         **Impeachment/Removal of officers —In the case of need, church discipline or organizational change, the president will be spoken to by the church staff. Organization members may be addressed for input, and if impeachment proceedings need follow, the deposed will be allowed to speak on their behalf. Impeachment offenses would be in the realm of intentional and unrepentant sin, failure to abide the Statement of Faith (article XI), leaving the church or failing in the necessary duties of an officer due to inability to serve or unwillingness to serve.**

**·**         **Replacement of officers —In the event that it is necessary to impeach and remove an officer, the election process will be taken up again to replace the officer to fulfill the role as required. This new officer will hold the office until the beginning of the next regular term, at which time they are eligible to be reinstated.**

**·**         **Minimum Cumulative GPA for Officers — To ensure that the academic life is exemplary to the rest of the organization, it will be necessary for each officer to maintain a grade point average consistent with his or her abilities and goals as a student. Church-based mentors will speak to any officer who fails his or her goal. A plan of action will be discussed to reach an improvement in grades.**

**The officers of this organization must meet the following requirements:**

**“(a) Be in good standing with the university and enrolled: at least half time (six or more credit hours), if an undergraduate student (unless fewer credits are required to graduate in the spring and fall semesters) during the term of office, and at least half time (four or more credits), if a graduate level student (unless fewer credits are required in the final stages of their degree as defined by the Continuous Registration Requirement) during their term of office.**

**(b) Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) as stated below and meet that minimum GPA in the semester immediately prior to the election/appointment, the semester of election/appointment and semesters during the term of office. For undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, the minimum GPA is 2.00. In order for this provision to be met, at least six hours (half-time credits) must have been taken for the semester under consideration.**

**(c) Be a member of the International Churches of Christ, as the organization or body of churches who supports Alpha Omega.**

**(d) Be ineligible to hold an office should the student fail to maintain the requirements as prescribed in (a), (b) and (c)."**

***Article VIII: Adviser(s)***

**·**         **Adviser Duties— *The adviser is invited, but not required, to attend monthly leadership meetings. It is expected that the adviser will sign university paperwork when necessary and cooperate with the student leadership when requested.***

**·**         **Method of election/selection of adviser(s)— *The adviser can be nominated by any member of Alpha Omega and will be appointed by general consensus of the student leadership and ministry staff.***

**·**         **Adviser(s) Term of Service— *The adviser will be appointed on an indefinite term. The adviser and student leadership will meet on a yearly basis or as needed to discuss the continuation of the partnership.***

**·**         **Impeachment/Removal of Advisers— *Adviser impeachment would take place only in the event that the adviser’s activity or is deemed harmful to the student organization or the Des Moines Church of Christ. The adviser may be impeached by the vote of ¾ of the student membership of Alpha Omega.***

**·**         **Replacement of Advisers— *In the case of impeachment or the amicable termination of the partnership between Alpha Omega and an adviser, the replacement will take place in the same manner as the initial appointment of an adviser (see above). The adviser will remain in office until a replacement is found.***

***Article IX. Finances***

**All monies belonging to Alpha Omega shall be deposited and disbursed through a bank account established for this organization at the Campus Organizations Accounting Office and/or approved institution/office (must receive authorization via Campus Organizations Accounting Office). All funds must be deposited within 48 hours after collection. The Adviser to this organization must approve and sign each expenditure before payment.**

**Description of dues— *No dues will be charged at this time.***

***Article X. Amendments & Ratification***

***Any amendments to the constitution will be decided upon by the church staff and brought forth to the members of the organization for a vote. Ultimately, revisions will be made first on biblical necessity, and second on matters of preference.***

***Article XI. Statement of* *Faith***

**We believe in and we surrender our lives to the one God who made the heavens and earth and who breathed life into humanity. We worship and praise the Father who spoke the world into existence. We worship and praise Jesus, the Son, who died upon the cross to redeem us from sin. We worship and praise the Holy Spirit who is the seal of our salvation.**

**1. Our devotion, total commitment and ultimate loyalties are to the Father, who is over all and in all and through all; to Jesus the Son, who has been declared both Lord and Christ; and to the Holy Spirit, who lives in us and empowers us to overcome the workings of the sinful nature (Acts 2:22-36, Romans 8:12-28).**

**2. The cornerstone of our faith is our belief in Jesus Christ. Everything we hold dear in our faith originates from his words and his way of life (John 3:16, John 12:47-48, Hebrews 12:2, 1 John 2:5-6).**

**3. Our eternal purpose is to know God and to glorify him as God and let our life shine so others will see God (Matthew 5:14-15, Ephesians 3:19-20).**

**As members of the body we are bonded from our immersion in water that united us with Christ’s death and brought with it the promise of absolute forgiveness, the Holy Spirit and a new life; our hope of heaven and the gift of eternal life; the church body and our devotion to being members of the family of God. Moreover, we believe this will lead to congregations that glorify God, full of healthy disciples and growing in both spirit and number.**

**The culminating event of the Christian faith occurred between the time of the Passover and Pentecost at the end of the Gospels through early Acts. The suffering, testimony under accusation, death, burial, resurrection and ascension of the perfect Lamb of God is the substance of our faith. What the first twenty chapters of Exodus are to the Jews as God rescued and brought them to Sinai to hear the law is very much what the events in Jerusalem were for disciples. Many were eyewitnesses to events of the atonement, the risen Jesus as “both Lord and Christ,” and heard the promise that was for everyone, even “those who are far off”.**

**4. Our salvation totally depends on the work of God and nothing of our own merit. That work of God is one of mercy and grace. His work redeems those who believe His Gospel message and receive His gift through baptism into Christ for spiritual rebirth (Romans 2:7, Acts 2:22-38, Ephesians 2:8-10, Titus 3:4-5, Colossians 2:11-14).**

**5. Our earthly mission involves every member’s participation in bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to all parts of the world. As we go about this mission, our testimony must be consistent with a Christ-like life of doing good, bringing about healing as well as supporting and encouraging other Christians and churches around the world (Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 10:37-38, Colossians 3:1-6).**

**6. Our motivation to love God, love each other and love the lost is prompted by God’s love for us, demonstrated in its greatest form by the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ on a cross for our behalf (2 Corinthians 5:14-21, 1 John 3:16, Luke 10:27).**

**As disciples of the Jesus, we surrender our lives to his Lordship. We rejoice in our adoption as God’s children and each accept the call to be holy and follow the example of Jesus.**

**7. Our discipleship to Christ involves an understanding of and a commitment to his terms of surrender to His Lordship, a daily decision to deny self and persevere (Luke 9:23ff; 14:33, Romans 2:7, Hebrews 10:32-39).**

**8. Our conversion begins by a belief in Jesus as God’s Son, and in his death and resurrection from the dead. Next comes an unmistakable repentance of sin, embracing discipleship, a confession of “Jesus is Lord”, and leads to the miracle of rebirth with our immersion in water for the forgiveness of our sins and the promise that God will give us the gift of the Holy Spirit (John 20:31, Luke 14:25-33, Acts 2:38-41, Romans 10:9, Titus 3:3-5).**

**9. Our holiness in daily living is a command from God. We are called to be set apart from the world and the ways of the world (sanctified) and live as saints of God (Ephesians 1:1, Ephesians 2:1-4, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8, 1 John 2:15-17).**

**10. We are committed to remembering the poor by demonstrating compassion to those who suffer by regularly doing whatever we can to lessen their burdens (Galatians 2:10).**

**11. Membership in the church congregation constitutes baptized disciples (1Cor 12:12-13), men and women who have pledged to live their lives as saints of God in the holiness He requires. Our members agree to strive to be devoted to the body life of the church. This includes making whole-hearted efforts, for example, to attend each [applicable] meeting of the body and to pursue joyful and growing “one another” relationships (Romans 12:10, Hebrews 3:12,13; 10:24-25). Fellowship is not limited to the local congregation (Rom 12:5, 1Cor 7:17, 10:32, 14:33, 16:1; 1Thess 2:14; 2 Thess 1:4); Alpha Omega works cooperatively with like-minded churches (e.g. the** [**Des Moines Church of Christ**](http://desmoinescoc.org)**) (1Cor 11:16) throughout the** [**International Churches of Christ.**](http://www.disciplestoday.org/)

**12. The Lord’s Supper is a regular community action of sharing in the presence of Christ as a sacred event, breaking the bread and drinking the fruit of the vine (1 Corinthians 10:17-34).**

**13. Giving towards God is a fragrant offering and a sign of our thankfulness. Since everything we enjoy in life is a gift from God, we cheerfully and sacrificially contribute of our finances to the church in order to see the ministry of Jesus advance throughout our communities and around the world (1 Corinthians 9:7-14, Philippians 4:14-19).**

**We possess understood convictions that serve us in the present times much in the same way as consensus resolutions of Acts 15 helped preserve the unity for that time. Addressing some of the particular issues facing our gathering of churches amidst culture tensions requires both biblical reflection and courage.**

**14. We stand by women having a ministry role in the teaching and training of other women. We believe that any congregation has the right to financially support these women in the ministry. We also recognize their value and influence in the lives of men in the church (1 Corinthians 9:5, Titus 2:3-4, Acts 18:24-26, Romans 16:1-15).**

**15. The romantic and marriage relationships of Christians are to be pursued with only those who “belong to the Lord” as defined by Scriptures (2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1, 1 Corinthians 7:39).**

**16. The decision-making responsibilities of established congregations belong to the individual congregation. We are also resolved to pursue and maintain our congregation’s links with other congregations and individual Christians—soliciting, giving and receiving input and godly influence from those outside our local congregation (1 Peter 5:5).**

**17. Our communication within the church and outside of our brotherhood should always be genuine, respectful and never antagonistic (1 Peter 2:17).**

***Article XII. Amendments and Ratification***

**The Alpha Omega Constitution is to be assessed and re-ratified by the student leadership and ministry staff every second year as part of an ongoing commitment to relevance and righteousness. An assessment meeting can be held between regularly scheduled intervals at any time at the request of ¾ of the student leadership group.**

**At said time, any article (excluding the Statement of Faith) is open to debate and due consideration by a motion and a second in motion. Amendments shall be passed by ¾ vote of the student leadership group, and remain open to veto by ministry staff when accompanied by genuine scriptural concern, especially as concerning the Statement of Faith (Article XI). Any edits will be tracked by amendment in a separate addendum to be titled “Amendments.”**