



# Bernice Gerard House

Learning to do "life together" in Christ

## COVENANT AGREEMENT & RULES

### The Mission of UCM

UCM's mission is to reconcile students to Christ. As ministers of reconciliation, we are a university community of God's people: a community of worship, a community of prayer, a community of fellowship, a community of discipleship, and a community of witness.

### The Mission of the Gerard House

Home to six male students, the purpose of the UCM Gerard House is to provide an intentional Christian community for UBC students where the residents are committed to "doing life together," while also fostering a place where current and future potential UCM student leaders can grow in their Christian walk.

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### Our Vision:

Our vision for the UCM Gerard House is that each of its members would be growing in the areas of spiritual maturity, community living, the disciplines of work and study, and the desire to be missional on their campus.

### Our Values:

*Below you'll find measurable explanations of our values:*

#### 1) Spiritual Maturity

Our greatest desire is that each student would be deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ and open to God's life changing power through the Holy Spirit. Although this will happen in many ways, we ask that each member would be committed to the following:

Each resident ...

- ☐ will recognize Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, or will have joined the house with the desire and commitment to be immersed in a Christian community in order to receive spiritual formation.
- ☐ will set aside time daily to devote to God.
- ☐ will regularly attend a Christian church.
- ☐ will participate in a UCM Core Bible study (or the weekly UCM Summer Bible study) and will be encouraged to regularly attend our Thursday Night gathering.
- ☐ will be encouraged to be a part of the UCM ministry by seeking to serve and fulfill the UCM mission statement in some measurable way.

## 2) Community Living

Christian community only happens in and through the person of Jesus Christ, and as much as a privilege it is to live in a visible fellowship with other believers, this community will be faced with the challenges and reality that we are not yet perfect. Each member will intentionally try building community with one another in the following ways:

Each resident ...

- ☐ will attend a weekly community meal, sharing in a rotational schedule for cooking this meal.
- ☐ will attend a monthly meeting led by the UCM House Manager.
- ☐ will intentionally invest in building life-giving relationships with one another in the house.
- ☐ will set aside time at least monthly to intentionally gather together to fulfill the mission of UCM (prayer, worship, outreach, fellowship, & discipleship).
- ☐ will respect each others needs for solitude and rest by obeying the agreed upon quiet hours and noise levels in the house.
- ☐ will respect the agreed upon rules concerning the number and duration of guests in the house. Communication is highly valued when making these decisions. Female guests are not allowed over night.

## 3) Work and Study:

The pursuit of higher academic study is the occasion which has brought each resident of the community house to UBC. While your academic study is priority, each member will also learn to balance investing time and energy not only into building community with other members, but also by working to maintaining a clean and respectable living environment.

Each resident ...

- ☐ will commit to being diligent in their academic studies.
- ☐ will regularly fulfill their weekly chore duty and their shared bi-monthly chore duties as agreed on the house cleaning schedule.
- ☐ will be committed to serving one another, by being proactive in maintaining a healthy and respectable living environment - even outside of ones regular chore schedule.
- ☐ will commit to seasonal yard work and building projects.









## 4) Being Missional on the Campus:

Jesus has called his disciples and given them the mission of joining in his announcement of the Kingdom of God and to disciple the nations. Each of us are invited to be a part of that community, experiencing his saving love and sharing this with others. The following are ways in which each member will intentionally develop a posture of being missional:

Each resident ...

- ☐ will recognize that the Gerard House is an extension of the UCM ministry to UBC students and will welcome others to the home for times of discipleship, worship, and fellowship.
- ☐ will use the Gerard House intentionally to be hospitable toward their neighbors and classmates.
- ☐ will occasionally use the weekly gathering and meal time to be intentionally missional.

## Our Rules:

-  Community meals will occur every Sunday night beginning at 6pm. Participation and attendance will be as regular as possible and prioritized in one's schedule.
-  Attendance is absolutely required at the monthly meeting led by the UCM House Manager, which will occur on a Sunday night for 1 hour additional to the meal.
-  Quiet hours are between 11pm and 8am on weekdays.
-  All members of the house must be asked if male guests will be staying the weekend (or 1-2 nights). Female overnight guests are not allowed. No more than 2 guests at a time. Permission must be requested of the House Manager if any guest will be staying longer than 2 nights.
-  All members of the house must be asked if more than 3 friends are going to be visiting at anytime.
-  Each member of the house will be assigned a day of the week in which they will commit to doing the daily chore duties.
-  Each member of the house will complete their bi-monthly chores as scheduled.
-  Members will recognize that the Gerard House is alcohol and tobacco free.

### The Covenant Agreement:

As a resident member of the Gerard House, I commit to the vision statement, values, and rules described above. I recognize and accept that failure to keep this agreement will result in reevaluation of my tenant agreement for the following semester:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

UCM Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_