

Vision Statement

Biblical leadership

"Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

- Matthew 20:26-28 (ESV)

It is our duty and our privilege to be leaders at some level, in some area. As servants of the Lord and ambassadors for His glory, we are each compelled to influence others and to teach the truth. The bible gives many precedents that guide us as we engage in our own leadership undertakings.

Essential qualities to biblical leadership are service, selflessness, and sacrifice. A leader in the truest sense exists to serve the people and meet their needs and desires. A biblical leader, no matter how influential, is still flawed and keeps their imperfections in mind, carrying out their duty in humility. A biblical leader is also willing to give up what is precious to them in the pursuit of His kingdom, which is far more valuable. All the while, leaders should look to Jesus' life and death as the absolute example of a servant leader, a humble leader, and a sacrificial leader.

Having had many opportunities in the past to take up leadership in a Christian context, I hope to offer the skills and experience I have learned previously in my serving for this fellowship. As leaders, not only are we to practice discipleship by pouring into others and supporting the growing of their faith, we are to raise up members who can go on and become leaders and disciplers themselves who also help others to do what has been done for them and multiply.

Christ-centred relationships

"Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, [...] you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."

- Ephesians 2:20-22 (ESV)

The most powerful characteristic of our fellowship is that we have an incredible community here. Through various initiatives like official ministries and independently organized activities, newcomers and members alike can find a group of people they connect with and continue to create close friendships.

But just how did all these people manage to come together and find each other? It's our common interest in our Creator, Saviour, and Lord that prompted us to join the fellowship in the first place. It's the one thing that binds us all, and also the one thing that differentiates us from being just any old campus group or group of friends.

We already have the unity and close-knit relationships, and the next step would be to develop that unity into Christ-based, God-honouring unity. To serve Him and to know Him is what we all desire, so let us allow God to take up his righteous place in the centre of it all. We should live not only as friends who have fun together, but also brothers and sisters who build each other up in love so that we might be united in Christ and be a testament to His love.

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Taking action

“Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

- James 1:22, 2:17 (ESV)

Some aspects I aim to address in the upcoming term include:

- Administration—financial and logistical arrangements
 - Diligence in completing what is required of the secretary-treasurer in a timely, efficient way.
 - Detail-orientedness, ensuring all aspects are accounted for and that issues are resolved peacefully.
- Good judgement in managing resources.
- Open communication...
 - Between committee members; setting clear expectations and boundaries, encouraging each other and speaking words of blessing, and also addressing shortcomings and personal struggles.
 - Between leaders and participants; an appropriate level of transparency about happenings and decision-making in the fellowship.
- Leadership development
 - Provide resources as needed; hosting workshops, providing and recommending relevant documents and literature.
 - Accountability meetings; discussion, prayer, goal-setting, action points, and follow-up.

“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.”

- Psalm 127:1 (ESV)

Ultimately, God is on a mission and we are invited to join Him. We do our part in planting the seed of the Gospel and encouraging growth, knowing that it is the Spirit who brings life and God who builds the fellowship.

Personal Evaluation

What are one or two strengths (skills/qualities) you possess, and how have you demonstrated these in the past?

In my opinion, I am proficient at administrative tasks such as researching, planning, scheduling, and coordinating. In the past, I have held a similar role in the church's youth ministry, where I took on much of the managerial and organizational aspects, including calling and directing meetings and taking minutes, as well as planning and coordinating logistics for retreats and missions. Notably, I am also quite accommodating, resourceful, and a good listener.

What weakness do you possess that may hinder you in your chosen role, and how will you commit to improving in this area while you are serving on committee?

I struggle with overthinking; I have to plan everything out and analyse all possibilities in a given situation to make sure it's perfect before I take action. If there's something that may go wrong, it's too risky, or it's too difficult or complicated, I tend to avoid the situation entirely, not wanting to bring myself discomfort or anxiety. I am trying my best to overcome this way of thinking by forcing myself to do things even if I don't think I am ready. I realize that even if I don't have it all figured out and it's not all perfect, I have to start somewhere, and whatever happens, I can adapt as the situation progresses. Also, I am prone to being cynical, perfectionistic, and brutally honest.

What can you personally offer to help the other members of committee in their difficulties next year? What is your personal commitment to ensure that committee works well together as a team?

Advice has no substance if not Christ-exalting and Bible-saturated, so whenever we are in a tough spot, whenever there is a moment of struggle or lack of clarity, I can help provide some comfort or courses of action that would be biblical counselling. I will support the other committee members in whatever they ask of me, whenever they need it, to the best of my capability. My personal commitment to foster teamwork would include selflessness—I don't always have the best ideas, and not everything has to go my way; I will value (listen and honestly consider) everyone's opinion and input in visioning and making decisions—and sacrifice, which involves prioritizing fellowship- and committee-related responsibilities; I am prepared to fully commit myself to the needs and demands of the fellowship and have them as matters of greatest importance in my life for the next term, even if it means sacrifice in other areas.

If you are not elected to your chosen role, how will you still serve and carry out your vision at CCF next year?

If not elected to committee, I would consider pursuing leadership in the fellowship in other capacities, such as leading investment groups or ministries. I would also aim to engage in discipleship in my own life, both as a disciple and a discipler by seeking mentorship from mature believers and engaging with newer believers who I can serve. I will do my part in creating a fellowship community that testifies for Jesus by having more "God conversations", studying the bible, and praying with brothers and sisters in the fellowship. I will also continue to pursue other opportunities through which I can use the skills and gifts I have been given to serve the God who blessed me with them.