



Identity: Who We Are

Christian Camping International

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ARTICLE 1: NAME

The full name of the worldwide alliance shall be Christian Camping International (CCI).

ARTICLE 2: MISSION

The mission of CCI is to promote and support Christian camping throughout the world, as a means of serving the Church to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE 3: STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in:

- 3.1. The Holy Scriptures as originally given by God, divinely inspired, infallible, entirely trustworthy, and the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- 3.2. The triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- 3.3. The deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, His substitutionary atonement for sin, His bodily resurrection and His personal, visible return to earth to reign in righteousness and glory.
- 3.4. The person of the Holy Spirit, and His work of conviction, regeneration and sanctification, who indwells every believer, equipping them with gifts for service and witness.
- 3.5. The necessity of new birth, in salvation by faith in Jesus Christ alone, and the importance of a life fully committed to the will of God in Christ.
- 3.6. The Church as the one, universal Body of Christ who is the Head, called to be God's redeemed people.

ARTICLE 4: VALUES

- 4.1. Unity with Autonomy – We value the global unity arising from our shared faith and purpose, while supporting the variety that arises from the uniqueness of our members.
- 4.2. Sharing in Community – We value the impact of relational ministry, encouraging prayerful fellowship and generous sharing of resources, experiences and practices.
- 4.3. Growth with Sustainability – We value the growth of Christian camping around the world, while promoting responsible stewardship that fosters long-term effectiveness.

ARTICLE 5: VISION

The Vision of Christian Camping International is to be a highly effective and highly valued ministry tool throughout the world supporting a growing alliance of internally strong, sustainable, and growth-focused associations of Christian camps, conference centers, activity providers and their leaders.

ARTICLE 6: STRATEGIC INTENTS

- 6.1.** To support health, effectiveness, and growth in all of the established Associations.
- 6.2.** To establish new Associations, Networks and Links throughout the world.
- 6.3.** To connect the various components of Christian camping for greater awareness, sharing and support.
- 6.4.** To increase the awareness of, and appreciation for, Christian camping throughout the world.
- 6.5.** To engage, enhance and support the Church throughout the world.

ARTICLE 7: STRUCTURE

CCI is an alliance of Christian camping associations from various countries or groups of geographically, culturally and/or linguistically related countries. Each association is autonomous and manages its own affairs while binding itself to the international organization by commitment to the 'Identity: Who We Are' and 'Community: How We Relate' documents. The work of CCI to implement its mission and to fulfill its vision is coordinated by the CCI Board of Directors elected by the associations. The election process is described in the 'Community: How We Relate' document. The Board of Directors may employ an International Director (ID)/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to pursue the Mission and Strategic Intents of CCI.

ARTICLE 8: AMENDMENTS

Changes to this document, 'Identity: Who We Are', may be proposed by the Board of Directors or any member Association. The support of two-thirds of the member associations will be required to establish the change. The voting procedures will be established by the Board of Directors and will allow three months for associations to review, deliberate and respond. To ensure that this document remains appropriate for a growing ministry in a fast-changing world, not more than four years should elapse between reviews.