

DUECC CONSTITUTION

Aims

To enable the different student Christian societies to work together for better witness to the Gospel in Durham and the University, in partnership with the University Chaplaincies and Durham Churches Together (DCT), by:

- Encouraging unity between Christians of different denominations and traditions around our shared belief in Jesus Christ's redemptive love for creation.
- Affirming this faith by joining together in worship, fellowship and Christian mission wherever possible
- Facilitating co-operation between the different societies and mutual support for their own activities
- Co-operating with the Cathedral and University Chaplaincies to provide lectures in an ecumenical setting that widen understanding of the Christian faith
- Co-operate with DCT in strengthening the link between University Chaplaincies, Christian societies and the churches of the city

Statement of Belief

We affirm the traditional formulation of Christian belief, the Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Structure and Membership

DUECC is made up of presidents/representatives of 10:05, CathSoc, Christians in Science, College Chaplaincies, MethSoc, SPEAK, Theology Network and any other Christian society who wishes to join and is in agreement with our aims and beliefs; membership is on a voluntary basis. The Council is chaired by the Chairperson who is assisted in administrative matters by the Secretary, and who are accountable to the University Chaplains.

Partnership and Funding

DUECC works closely alongside the University Chaplaincies, Durham Cathedral and Durham Churches Together. The Chair attends Chaplains' and DCT's meetings in a representative role. Funding is received from the Cathedral and from the University Chaplaincies.

Roles and Responsibilities in relation to Partners

To University Chaplaincies:

To update the leaflet "A Guide to Chaplaincy in Durham University" before Michaelmas term each year; to report upon DUECC's developments and activities at Chaplain's meetings; to help in selection and reimbursement for travel expenses of speakers for the DUECC/Cathedral/University Chaplain's lectures; to co-operate wherever possible; to request funding each year.

From University Chaplaincies:

Funding; guidance and support for student-initiated events; invitation and hospitality for visiting speakers.

To the Cathedral:

To organise the student responsibilities for the Candlelit Procession in collaboration with the Succentor; to provide student stewards for the DUECC/Cathedral/University Chaplain's lectures.

From the Cathedral:

Funding each year; hosting services and lectures according to their own arrangements.

To Durham Churches Together:

To provide information about DUECC events; attend meetings whenever possible; to collaborate with Churches wherever possible.

From Durham Churches Together:

Advertising for DUECC events on their own newsletter and congregational announcements.

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