

## ASCM COMMUNITY COVENANT

Asian Seminary of Christian Ministry is a Christian community dedicated to the highest standards of academic achievement, personal development and spiritual growth. Together the Seminary community seeks to honor Christ by integrating faith, learning and living while its members' hearts and lives mature in relationship to Jesus Christ and each other.

In keeping with the distinctive Christian nature of the Seminary community, ASCM establishes the following Community Covenant of Christian Lifestyles and Behavior Standards. It should be noted that this list is considered a baseline and is not necessarily comprehensive in nature. The Seminary reserves the right to confront and address other behaviors that are viewed as dangerous, destructive, unbiblical or inconsistent with the ASCM mission.

### Community Covenant of Christian Lifestyles and Behavior Standards

Faith in God's Word should lead to behavior displaying His authority in our lives. Scripture teaches that certain attributes such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control are to be manifested by members of the Christian community (Galatians 5:22-23).

With this purpose and spiritual foundation, students are expected to comply with these lifestyle standards:

1. Community life at ASCM should be marked by personal stewardship of abilities and resources and sensitivity to the God-given worth and dignity of each individual. Respect for the worth and dignity of each individual regardless of any differences is a foundational tenet of the Christian community of faith. The Seminary does not allow and will not condone discrimination or harassment of another person because of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religious background, age, gender or disability.
2. Corporate worship aids in community building and support of the body of Christ. We gather as a community at special times for nurture and instruction in the truths of God's Word. These activities include required attendance at Chapel. Personal devotions and local church involvement are encouraged.
3. Scripture condemns such attitudes as greed, jealousy, pride, lust, needless anger, an unforgiving spirit, harmful discrimination and prejudice. Furthermore, certain behaviors are expressly prohibited by Scripture. These include theft, lying, cheating, plagiarism, gossip, slander, profanity, vulgarity, adultery, homosexual behavior, premarital or extramarital sex, sexual promiscuity, pornography, drunkenness, gluttony, immodesty and occult practices. (Galatians 5:19-21, I Corinthians 6:9-10).
4. Scripture teaches that all our actions (work, study, play) should be performed to the glory of God. We endeavor, therefore, to be selective in the choices of clothes, entertainment and recreation, promoting those that strengthen the body of Christ and avoiding those that would diminish sensitivity to Christian responsibility or promote sensual attitudes or conduct.
5. Since the body of the Christian is the temple of the Holy Spirit, it deserves respect and preservation of its wellbeing. Therefore, the use of alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco in any form and the abuse of prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs violate our community standards.

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It is the goal of the Dean of Students and his staff to be fair and consistent at all times. Though some offenses have disciplinary consequences, other sanctions will be determined at the discretion of the Dean of Students.

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DR. AYUK A. AYUK, Academic Dean