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Midway College was established by members of The Disciples of Christ movement in Kentucky in 1847. The institution has always had a self-perpetuating board, but for scores of years most of the financial support came from church members and congregations. In 1982, the College entered into covenant with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) through the Division of Higher Education. Financial support from the Church now primarily comes from Basic Mission Finance in keeping with the method by which the Church supports units, regions and institutions.

COLLEGE POLICY

Preamble

Church-related institutions of higher education have had and should continue to have a crucial role in the Church’s mission. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), desiring to reaffirm its commitment to the role of higher education in the fulfillment of its total mission, and this institution of higher education related to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ, desiring to reaffirm its role and relationship in the Church’s total mission, do voluntarily enter into covenant as follows:

Church	Institution
1. The Church will be a learning and informed Church, which encourages the pursuit of understanding, knowledge and wisdom.	1. The Institution will focus the learning experience upon the total person through continual inquiry, scholarship, and research among its staff, faculty and students.
2. The Church will reinforce and advocate the purpose of the academic institution in promoting open exploration of ideas and the responsible use of scholarship in the pursuit of truth for the betterment of individuals and society.	2. The Institution will maintain educational standards of excellence with accreditation by appropriate bodies while preparing persons to develop their individuality and to make responsible use of their knowledge, skills and abilities.
3. The Church will recognize the right, desirability and necessity of the institution to be under the independent control of its own governing board and not that of the individual, the state or of the Church.	3. The Institution will reflect the Judeo-Christian tradition in its leadership consistent with its charter and the laws of the land.

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4. The Church will join as a partner with the Institution in dialogue between faith and knowledge and in support of academic freedom.	4. The Institution will provide within the framework of academic freedom on-campus curricular opportunities for religious understanding, including Biblical studies.
5. The Church will serve as a resource in recruitment and referral of qualified administrators and faculty personnel.	5. The Institution will use the personnel services of the Church, particularly its Division of Higher Education, as a resource for locating prospective administrators, faculty and trustees.
6. The Church will assist the Institution when appropriate in those matters which relate to the pastoral concerns of its students, faculty, administration and staff.	6. The Institution will provide on-campus opportunities for voluntary worship and other means for the moral and ethical development of persons within its collegiate community.
7. The Church will provide supportive services to the institution through the Division of Higher Education and other general administrative units and manifestations of the Church.	7. The Institution will cultivate a service relationship by offering to congregations, regions, and general administrative units of the Church the resources of higher education-- personnel, programs and facilities.
8. The Church will encourage periodic official and unofficial campus visits by Church personnel to further the understanding of the Institution and to discover ways in which common goals and purposes can be attained.	8. The Institution will seek to understand the Church's concerns, aware that the Church and institution hold in common the development of persons to their highest potential and the shaping of a society beneficial to all.
9. The Church will acknowledge the formative nature and on-going worth of higher education in the past, present, and future of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).	9. The Institution will include its structure a means of preserving its Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) heritage and will pursue the vital relationships, goals and purposes common to the Institution and the Church.
10. The Church will encourage and assist its congregations in making qualified students aware of the available educational opportunities at the institution and will share in financial aid to students.	10. The Institution will give due consideration to admitting qualified students recruited by congregations and will seek to help applicants through counseling and financial aid, irrespective of race, creed or national origin.



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11. The Church will make a financial commitment to the Institution consistent with the established procedures for financial support from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and will assist in donor solicitation and fund raising.	11. The Institution will abide by the funding procedures and disciplines established for organizations receiving financial support from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and will administer itself in a responsible manner with financial integrity.
12. The Church will state in its Yearbook and Directory and other appropriate documents and literature its relationship with the Institution.	12. The Institution will state in its catalogue and other appropriate documents and literature its relationship with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Midway College hereby agree and covenant with each other in accordance with the above and foregoing.

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Kenneth L. Teegarden General Minister and President General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Inc.	Nelson M. Hoffman President Midway College

Colleges and Universities in Covenant with The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Barton College Wilson, North Carolina	Drury College Springfield, Missouri	Midway College Midway, Kentucky
Bethany College Bethany, West Virginia	Eureka College Eureka, Illinois	Texas Christian University Fort Worth, Texas
Chapman University Orange, California	Hiram College Hiram, Ohio	Transylvania University Lexington, Kentucky
Columbia College Columbia, Missouri	Jarvis Christian College Hawkins, Texas	William Woods College Fulton, Missouri
Culver-Stockton College Canton, Missouri	Lynchburg College Lynchburg, Virginia	