

Religious Life Student Organization Policies

OCRL Mission Statement

The Office of the Chaplain and Religious Life enhances the educational mission of the university through programming and services grounded in the United Methodist tradition. We promote moral and ethical leadership development. We also provide pastoral care, welcome, and hospitality for SMU's religiously diverse community. The Office of the Chaplain and Religious Life contributes to a transformative university experience by encouraging the pursuit of goodness with all students, faculty, staff and administration.

OCRL Vision Statement

Inspiring the expression of religious faith and discourse in the university

Requirements for New Religious Life Student Organizations (RLSO)

1. Demonstrate a unique organizational purpose that is not currently being met by another religious life organization or campus ministry.
2. Have at least 5 active members
3. Create organization constitution and bylaws that include SMU's non-discrimination clause
4. Staff/faculty advisor – the Associate Chaplain may fill this role for new organizations but it is strongly recommended that a staff or faculty member who has an interest in being connected with your group
5. Complete an interview with the Office of the Chaplain and Religious Life
6. Create an organizational page within Connect.smu
7. Maintain the organizations roster within Connect.smu
8. Provide the organization's purpose and contact information to the Office of the Chaplain and Religious Life (OCRL) (chaplain@smu.edu) for inclusion on their website.
9. Complete Mandatory Organizations Meetings each academic year – 4 students and 1 advisor
10. President of the organization must maintain updated officer records with the Office of the Chaplain and Religious Life.

Please submit all inquiries to the Associate Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Veronica Davis, at vdavis@smu.edu.

Requirements for Continuing RLSOs

1. Maintain Connect.smu roster and page
2. Update officer/contact information with OCRL
3. RLSO president/executive officer will meet twice an academic year (1 in Fall, 1 in Spring) with the Associate Chaplain
4. Complete annual MOM training in Fall semester