THE BERKLEE HOUSE OF PRAYER
CONSTITUTION
Berklee House of Prayer (BHOP)

“For my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations” - Isaiah 56:7

ARTICLE I- NAME

Section 1: Title
The official name of this club is Berklee House of Prayer (BHOP).
It shall be referred to as both “Berklee House of Prayer” and “BHOP” (for short) however, the abbreviation “BHOP” is not and will not solely be a replacement for the actual official club name.

Section 2: Affiliation (if applicable)
No affiliation

ARTICLE II- PURPOSE

Berklee House of Prayer (BHOP) is the official Christian house of prayer at Berklee College of Music, specifically dedicated to uniting Christian students and leaders on campus across all racial, cultural, and denominational lines to pray as one body in unity for each other and the Berklee community.

ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Active Members
Active membership is open to all Berklee students.

Section 2: Associate Members
Faculty Representative, Chantel Hampton.

Section 3: Alumni Members
Alumni membership is open to former Berklee students; they may hold office only if necessary for the development/continuation of the club and its new co-leadership. Alums may vote, only if they are currently part of the leadership, if any matter that is taken to vote.

Section 4: Membership Rules Of Order

All are welcome to join BHOP!
Berklee College of Music student clubs shall not deny any membership to any student on the basis of race, age, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation, veteran status or disability.

We do require members and visitors to not be disruptive, disrespectful, or judgmental towards leaders, members, or visitors. BHOP is NOT a place to debate religious beliefs or any other matters (political etc.)

Everyone’s style of worship must be respected. Making anyone feel uncomfortable about his or her style of worship will not be tolerated. We believe everyone is entitled to freedom in Christ and though we worship differently, no one way is better than another.

BHOP, nor any of their co-leadership, any additional leadership, email subscribers, club members, Berklee students or visitors will be used, pressured, or contacted via phone, Email, or any other method of communication to promote any other purpose or cause outside of any member’s individual permissions or for any purpose other than what is clearly described in the BHOP mission statement/purpose and that is in concordance with Biblical Christian values.

Section 5: Duties of Members
Regularly attend BHOP meetings.

Section 6: Dues
N/A

Section 7: Removal of Members
If anyone is going against the membership rules of order stated in article III, Section 4, we will kindly ask the person/s to please respect and abide by the club rules and should it continue to occur the person/s will be asked to leave the meeting. If the person does not comply after being asked, public safety will be contacted for removal.

If anyone is intentionally or continuously malicious, judgmental, disruptive or and disrespectful to anyone involved in the BHOP leadership, membership and visitors, is going against the membership rules of order stated in article III, Section 4, or is making the ability to hold meetings properly impossible, they may be permanently removed. It is highly advised to seek counsel from the faculty advisor before making a permanent removal decision.

ARTICLE IV- ELECTED OFFICERS

Section 1: Officers
The two officer positions are:
   1. Co-Leader
   2. Co-Leader
Section 2: Duties of Officers
Co-Leaders have the responsibility of overseeing the whole club, organizing and running the club and it’s meetings. Both Co-Leaders must share the responsibilities of BHOP equally so that one person is not overwhelmed with their duties.

Section 3: Election of Officers

All elected officers are required to be planted in a local church, under consistent discipleship by church leaders; leaders are held accountable by one another and their local church leaders.

Each year, the two Co-Leaders re-elect or elect new co-leaders of BHOP. It is important to strive for consistency in leadership, not changing it too often so that there is consistent development, growth, and stability for members trying to find community. That being said, there is freedom to step down in the case of there being a conflict in the officer’s ability to continue leading properly or they simply feel the need to make a change out of the position. Co-Leaders are allowed to serve as long as they would like while still being active Berklee students. If there is any instance where a Co-Leader decides to step down from his or her position, someone is required to assume the responsibility upon the leader leaving.

The Co-Leaders (officers) are given the responsibility to elect members to become leaders (officers). Both co-leaders as well as any other additional leaders must be open and accountable to one another regarding the members they would like to elect into leadership or not. All new leadership elections and the addition of any new office positions must be at previously discussed with BHOP’s faculty adviser to maintain accountability, integrity and wise counsel on new elections to benefit the club.

CO-LEADERSHIP SELECTION

There are two co-leaders. All new co-leaders can only be selected by the current co-leaders of BHOP only after meeting with their faculty advisor for counsel about the selection of the new co-leadership. The faculty advisor is allowed to suggest possible candidates for election of office based off of their knowledge if necessary for the continuation of BHOP. When selecting new co-leadership the co-leaders do not have to choose what the faculty advisor has suggested if they feel strongly against it, however both co-leaders must agree unanimously on the two leaders that will replace them in their positions. If one of the co-leaders steps down or is no longer cooperative the other co-leader and faculty will decide who will assume that person’s responsibility upon their leaving. Ideally there should be one male, and one female representative in the co-leadership at the same time. If this is not possible, co-leaders of the same gender, may be selected to lead the club. All leaders must be Christians who have made a public profession of their faith through water baptism, and who exemplify biblical morals in their lives. No one person may be selected into co-leadership if they have not been a consistent member of BHOP for 2 or more semesters, except in the case that there is no longer anyone available to uphold this standard/requirement in the club. All leaders are
ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP SELECTION
Any addition of new positions of leadership can only be selected by the current co-leaders of BHOP and only after meeting with their faculty advisor for counsel about the addition and selection of the new leadership positions. Any other leaders (that is to say, anyone who is not a co-leader) are not allowed to select those replacing their own positions or any other leadership positions, however, their recommendations will be taken into consideration for new leadership. The faculty advisor is allowed to suggest possible candidates for election of office based off of their knowledge if necessary for the continuation of BHOP. When selecting any additional and new leadership, the co-leaders do not have to choose what the faculty advisor has suggested if they feel strongly against it, however both co-leaders must agree unanimously on the leaders that will replace any additional or new leadership positions.

Section 4: Removal of Officers
If a leader is not doing his or her duties responsibility they may be removed from their position. A two-week notice will be given. This will be determined by

ARTICLE V- MEETINGS

Section 1: Business and General Meetings
N/A

Section 2: Executive Board Meetings
N/A

ARTICLE VI- ADVISER

Section 2: Qualifications
The adviser must be a Berklee faculty/staff member who has an interest in serving as an adviser. The adviser must be a Christian.

Section 3: Duties
Meet at least once a month with the Co-Leadership. Cover the leaders and BHOP in prayer. The adviser may not vote, but is required to offer advice to the leadership of the club.

ARTICLE VII- AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended / updated by the co-leaders two times per semester: once in the first half of the semester and once, in the second half, of the semester. Co-leaders must make the faculty adviser aware of possible and noted changes, for the purposes of accountability, support, and the proper preservation of the original intent of the club.
ARTICLE VIII- ACCOUNTING AND FINANCES

The two co-leaders of BHOP will primarily handle and oversee finances. Berklee House of Prayer may also conduct fundraisers to raise funds for club events, outreach, charity, missions, and/or other club related needs.

ARTICLE IX- BYLAWS

Statement of Faith:

• We believe that The Holy Bible is God's Word, inspired by the Holy Spirit; it is accurate, authoritative, infallible and applicable to our everyday lives.

• We believe that the one true God, who is the Creator of all things, exists eternally in three persons—God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ), and God the Holy Spirit—and that these, being one God, are equal in deity, power, and glory. God is love and we are called to love God and love people.

• We believe that sin has separated each of us from God and His purpose for our lives and that the Lord Jesus Christ as both God and man is the only One who can reconcile us to God.

• We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man; that He was conceived and born of a virgin, lived a sinless and exemplary life, and died by offering Himself as a penal, substitutionary sacrifice for all of humanity. By His blood shed at the cross, He obtained for us eternal redemption, the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. He was raised bodily by the power of God on the third day, victorious over sin and death. He ascended to the right hand of the Father, there to make intercession for the saints forever. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever!

• We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ baptizes believers in the Holy Spirit, in whom we are also sealed for the day of redemption. The Holy Spirit regenerates, forever indwells, and graciously equips the Christian for godly living and service. Subsequent to conversion, the Spirit desires to fill, empower, and anoint believers for ministry and witness.

• We believe that in order to receive forgiveness and the 'new birth' we must repent of our sins, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and submit to His will for us living holy and fruitful lives. We believe in water baptism as a public declaration of faith and obedience to Christ.
• We believe that thus salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, according to Scripture alone, for the glory of God alone.

• We defend that God speaks primarily through His objective revelation, the Holy Scriptures. We also believe that God also speaks through subjective means (such as prophecy, dreams, visions, impressions) and measures (such as signs, wonders, and miracles) (Joel 2, Acts 2-3).

• We believe that the spiritual gifts have been given for the comfort, edification, and exhortation of the Church (1 Cor. 12-14), and that they are active today. We encourage, activate, and practice these gifting according to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

• We uphold that God desires and does move through healing, signs, wonders, and miracles to reveal His glory and purposes on the earth (Acts 2-3, 1 Cor. 12-14, 1 Cor. 2).

• Finally, we believe all these things will increase in measure as the Church reaches the fullness of the maturity of the Son of God, and as God demonstrates through His Church the glory of Jesus Christ (Eph. 4, John 14:12). We are convicted that the End Times Church will walk in greater power and purity to display the majesty of God.

• We believe in the power and significance of the Church and the necessity of believers to meet regularly together for fellowship, prayer and the 'breaking of bread'.

• We believe that God wants to heal and transform us so that we can live healthy and blessed lives in order to help others more effectively.

• We believe that our eternal destination of either Heaven or hell is determined by our response to the Lord Jesus Christ.

• We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is coming back again as He promised.

ARTICLE X- COMMITEES

Berklee House of Prayer does not have any committees, unless otherwise determined by co-leadership, in the event of the planning of special activities, or events.

COMMUNICATIONS-
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