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# Consitution of the Christian Socialist Fellowship: Adopted at the First Annual Conference, Louisville, KY — June 18, 1906.

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## **Article I — Name.**

The name of this organization shall be the Christian Socialist Fellowship.

## **Article II — Object.**

Its object shall be to permeate churches, denominations, and other religious institutions with the social message of Jesus; to show that Socialism is the necessary economic expression of the Christian life; to end the class struggle by establishing industrial democracy; and to hasten the reign of justice and brotherhood upon earth.

## **Article III — Membership.**

Its members shall consist of all those who, agreeing to the object of this movement, shall give their name for enrollment to the Secretary. They shall become active members upon payment of one dollar or more per annum.

## **Article IV — Officers.**

Its officers shall consist of a Secretary, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of 50 members, 5 of whom, together with the Secretary and Treasurer, shall constitute a quorum, provided that on demand of any 2 members of the Executive Committee, any or all actions of the quorum shall

be suspended until ratified by a majority of the Executive Committee.

## **Article V — Duties of Officers.**

The duties of the officers shall be those usually devolving upon their respective offices. The Executive Committee shall meet in regular session annually during the month of May, time and place to be determined by a majority of the committee.

Special meetings may be called at any time by a majority of the Executive Committee to act upon such business as the call specifies.

All meetings of the Executive Committee and of the Fellowship shall be called to order by the Secretary and a President shall be elected for the session.

They shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected.

## **Article VI — Conference.**

The annual conference shall immediately follow the regular meeting of the Executive Committee as the committee may provide.

## **Article VII — Branches.**

Branch organizations may be formed in state, county, or city, which shall have local jurisdiction

within their own territory.

### **Article VIII — The Referendum.**

The active members shall always have the right of the initiative, the referendum, and the imperative mandate, upon the petition of 10 percent of their number.

### **Article IX — Amendments.**

This constitution may be amended at any meeting by 3/4ths vote of active members present; provided that notice of any proposed amendment be submitted to the Executive Committee 2 months prior to the time of said meeting.

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