# CHRISTIAN SERVICE GUIDELINES



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#### INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Welcome to the PCC Christian Service team! We are delighted that you have chosen to volunteer your time with us, and more importantly, with those you will serve. Christian Services depend on volunteers like you to ensure that we function consistently and successfully in our mission.

# Purpose of Christian Service

PCC Christian Service is a shared outreach with Campus Church that equips students to influence their world for Christ by providing weekly opportunities to share the gospel, invite people to church, and serve others. Through involvement and training in evangelism and discipleship, our hope is that the Lord will continue to develop your abilities and desire to serve Him, now and beyond your time in college.

# Purpose of Christian Service Guidelines

These *Christian Service Guidelines* were created to help Christian Services operate safely and effectively. We trust that they will provide answers to any questions you may have about policies and procedures related to Christian Services.

Each Christian Service has one or more <u>leader</u> who organizes and oversees each week's activities in accordance with the Guidelines. All attendees must read and follow the Guidelines.

Again, on behalf of the Student Ministry staff and everyone in Student Activities, we welcome you to the Christian Service team. Thank you for taking time to help share Christ's love to our community and for allowing us to invest in your personal development and desire to influence others for Christ!

Sincerely,

Mr. Gabriel Breau

Student Ministry Coordinator

#### GENERAL POLICIES

Leaders should meet with their team each week before leaving campus to provide any necessary information or training and to record attendance. Mixed groups should follow the *Handbook* when choosing a location to meet on campus.

## **Attending Christian Service**

- 1. At least three college students must be participating for a group to go out.
- 2. Students must stay in groups of three or more and may never be alone with the opposite gender, regardless of age.
- 3. All students must remain with the group throughout the activity, including the time leaving and returning to campus, and are expected to be actively involved throughout.
- 4. A student must never enter anyone's home.
- 5. We have a hands-off policy when it comes to working with children. This includes allowing children to sit on college students' laps, hugging, and games that encourage physical contact (e.g., tag, two-hand-touch football, etc.)

- 6. When canvassing or passing out tracts, avoid any place with "No Soliciting" or "Keep-out" signs.
- 7. Tracts and flyers are not to be distributed in mailboxes, on vehicles, or at community events (festivals, parades, etc.)
- 8. When going door-to-door, do not initiate a conversation with children on private property unless you obtain parental consent.
- 9. Exercise caution when assisting the elderly. To avoid potential physical harm, students may not wheel an elderly individual in any location, inside or outside.
- 10. Students who are sick or have cold/flu symptoms may not attend Christian Service, especially elderly ministries.
- 11. The use of headphones is not permitted on Christian Service activities, including driving to and from the activity.

#### Music

Music can be such a great addition to a Christian Service activity! As you sing or play, ensure that all music follows college music standards (see the *Handbook*).

# **Scripture**

Scripture is the foundation for our lives, and it ought to be a major part of our ministries. As in other areas of campus life at PCC, only the King James Version of the Bible may be used on Christian Service activities. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of Scripture for preaching, teaching, memorizing verses, gifting Bibles, and using Bibles to follow along during Christian Service activities.

#### Communication

Personal Communication: Since others may interpret a student's personal communication as official, use discretion when communicating with others.

Social Networking: Christian Services are not to establish an official online presence via social networking (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.). The Student Ministry Coordinator must approve any Christian Service-related postings to personal accounts, and pictures may not be used that include the faces of any participants that are not PCC students. This is a violation of Florida Privacy Laws.

*Promotion:* Christian Service participants must obtain permission from the Student Ministry Coordinator to endorse or promote any business, organization, or cause.

News and Media: If a news or media outlet contacts you for a statement, interview, or any other information, direct the interviewer to the Information Desk. PCC's Chief Communications Officer must approve all official statements.

Sharing Personal Information: Exercise caution by following these guidelines:

- 1. Share information only for ministry purposes.
- 2. Exchange contact information only with people of the same gender unless you are dealing with an on-site coordinator (i.e., Nursing Home Activities Coordinator).
- 3. Do not exchange information with vagrants or the homeless.

#### **Transportation**

- 1. Mixed groups may travel together to and from Christian Service locations. Men may not enter the women's parking garage and women are not permitted on the East Field parking lot.
- 2. Students are not to ride in truck beds.
- 3. Students are *never* to transport minors unless the minor is a current PCC student.

4. Drivers must follow all local laws and campus procedures for vehicles.

#### **Dress Code**

When attending a Christian Service, students must always follow the Handbook dress code policies. For multiple ministries within the same Christian Service, each ministry should comply with the dress code policy that fits that specific activity. Any exception must be approved by the Student Ministry Coordinator. The following chart details the dress code for each ministry category:

Children and Teens	Casual Dress
Adult	Modified smart casual – tennis shoes and denim bottoms (pants for men, skirts for women)
Elderly	Professional/Church or Smart Casual Dress
Support	Dress Code of the group being supported that week

# **Outreach Projects and Events**

An opportunity may arise for a Christian Service to host or participate in end-of-semester events or activities, park clean-ups, local church fall festivals, and other activities. Leaders must contact the Student Ministry Coordinator for approval before beginning to plan or agreeing to participate in *any event* outside of a group's regular activity, even if it has been approved in the past.

# **Partnering with Campus Church**

Our goal on Christian Service is to connect people with Campus Church, and the Christian Service closets contain tracts and other materials to help share the gospel, disciple, and invite people to church. Campus Church welcomes all but unfortunately does not have transportation to services or events at this time.

As people express interest in attending church, have them fill out a Decision Card (available in Student Activities). **Note:** students must never have minors fill out a Decision Card; instead, the parent(s) and/or guardian(s) should assist. As soon as possible, bring the card to the Student Ministry Coordinator so that we can work together with Campus Church to follow up with that individual.

# **Christian Service Reports**

Each week, leaders will submit an attendance report; students are awarded Collegian Points once the report is submitted.

#### Resources

A variety of resources, online and physical, are available to all Christian Services.

Online Resources: Leaders can access the online Resources Tab, which contains several downloadable resources such as forms, planning tools, and additional information about activities and events such as the Christian Service Expo.

*Physical Resources*: Leaders can also view a list of <u>Physical Resources</u>, most of which can be accessed through the Christian Service closets.

- 1. Men Ground floor Young Tower
- 2. Women Ground floor Griffith Tower

Leaders access the Christian Service closets by tapping their ID card at the closet door. Only current leaders and co-leaders can access closets.

Any evangelistic or discipleship resource used for Christian Services must be approved through the Student Ministry Coordinator.

#### **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

## **Normal Injuries**

If a student or someone attending Christian Service sustains a non-life-threatening injury:

- ❖ If an injury occurs at a facility where someone else is in charge (nursing homes, Miracle League, etc.), notify facility personnel of any injuries.
- ❖ If an injury occurs at a location where our group is in charge (Bible clubs) follow these procedures:
  - 1. If the injured attendee is a minor, notify the parents and give them the option of coming to the get child or having the child brought home.
  - 2. If an injury is serious enough, call 911 for assistance; only trained medical personnel should provide medical assistance.
  - 3. Report any injuries to the Student Ministry Coordinator.

# **Life-Threatening Injuries**

If a student or someone attending your activity may have a life-threatening injury:

- ❖ If an injury occurs at a facility where someone else is in charge (nursing homes, Miracle League, etc.), notify facility personnel of any injuries.
- ❖ If an injury occurs at a location where our group is in charge (Bible clubs) follow these procedures:
  - 1. Call 911 immediately; only trained medical personnel should provide medical assistance.
  - 2. If the injured attendee is a minor, call the parent.
  - 3. Call Campus Security at 850-479-6595 ext. 4357 and follow their instructions.
  - 4. Report any injuries to the Student Ministry Coordinator.

#### **Potential Harm**

If you or someone in your group suspects potential harm may come by staying in an area:

- 1. Without drawing attention to the potential danger, quietly remove your ministry team (for Bible Clubs, also remove participants) from the area and return to campus.
- 2. Call the Student Ministry Coordinator and notify him of the situation.

#### Report of Abuse

Florida law requires that child abuse be reported. If you notice possible child abuse at your ministry:

- 1. Notify the Student Ministry Coordinator immediately.
- 2. Do not attempt to resolve the situation through family, guardians, or others.
- **3.** Do not discuss the issue with other students.

#### **Contact Info**

As you begin attending Christian Service, save the contact information for Security in the event of an emergency that necessitates an immediate phone call. Also, feel free to contact our Christian Service team at <a href="mailto:ChristianServiceAdmin@pcci.edu">ChristianServiceAdmin@pcci.edu</a> or by using the information below if you have any questions or suggestions.

## **Campus Security**

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