

Student Religious Groups at Hendricks Chapel

Hendricks Chapel is home to all student religious or spiritual groups on campus. These groups span a wide diversity of religious traditions and spiritual interests. Participation in religious groups is open to all students. While each Religious Group serves a particular faith constituency, the Religious Groups work together as part of the Religious Life Council on issues of inter-faith engagement, student welfare and spiritual programming.

To qualify as a student religious group at Syracuse University, groups must be sponsored by a regional or national association and have an identified representative from that organization who will supervise the group. Groups cannot be sponsored by a single congregation or community. In addition, all groups must have a local or faculty advisor who will support, mentor and guide the students as well as an identified student president/leader.

All Religious Groups must agree to support and live out the Hendricks Chapel Ethical Framework that calls upon each religious group to honor the religious freedom, human dignity, conscience, personal spiritual welfare and the religious tradition of every person to whom they minister.

Religious Groups are required throughout the year to attend all Religious Life Council meetings, submit a year end evaluation and meet with the Dean to discuss the group's work on campus.

To complete your application to Hendricks Chapel to become a religious group, you must submit the following forms:

1. **Letter of Agreement Between Hendricks Chapel and Sponsoring Agencies:** This form must include:
 - a. the name of the local religious group director
 - b. the name of the student religious group
 - c. name and contact information for the national/regional sponsoring body
 - d. name and signature of the National/Regional Staff Person responsible for the group at the regional level

2. **Hendricks Chapel Registration:** This form must include:
 - a. the name and contact information for the National/Regional Staff Person (the person who agreed to be your regional sponsor),
 - b. the name and contact information for your local religious group director, that is the person who will be leading the campus group. At least one of the local religious group directors must be staff or faculty at the University.
 - c. the name and contact information for the Student President.
 - d. you will also need to include a paragraph explaining the purpose of your organization and attach your constitution or charter which defines the function of your organization together with the goals and principles each year. If you need examples of other religious group's charters, please let us know and we can send you a copy.

In addition to filling out the forms, the regional staff person, the local religious group director and the student president must meet with the Dean to discuss the roles and responsibilities of becoming a student religious group.

(See page two for a list of privileges and responsibilities.)

As a Student Religious Life Group you will be eligible for the following:

- A student seat in the Spiritual Life Council (this group meets once a month led by Mary Hudson.)
- Meeting space in Hendricks Chapel
- Listing in the Hendricks Chapel yearly calendar
- Listing on the Hendricks Chapel website
- Ability to table at all pre-orientation and orientation gatherings with Hendricks Chapel
- Access to Hendricks Chapel office equipment (copies will be charged to a monthly account)
- Access to the Hendricks Chapel stamp (HC) which authorizes posters to be posted across campus/dorms

Your local religious group director is eligible for the following:

- The holding of a Syracuse University identification card—which enables library privileges, recreational facility privileges, and discounted rate at the bookstore
- Being listed in the Hendricks Chapel yearly calendar
- Being eligible for an email account and internet access via the University network
- Being eligible for campus parking through the Office of Parking Services

Please contact Elizabeth Cronk at eacronk@syr.edu to set up a meeting with the Dean of Hendricks Chapel when you have all of your paperwork in order.