

## **U of A Wesley Building Policy Addendum A: Dormitory Residents**

### **Purpose Statement:**

The mission of U of A Wesley College Ministry is to help students CONNECT, GROW, and BEAR FRUIT in their life in Christ during their college years. The Wesley dormitory is a Christian community whose residents are called to embody this mission in their life together and with others and to inspire students' similar involvement in the ministry. Wesley residents serve as a presence for hospitality, security, and general helpfulness at the Wesley House and model faithful stewardship of our facilities. Residents have a vital role in cultivating the type of Christian culture at the Wesley House which will provide a safe haven and "home away from home" for students whom our ministry touches.

### **Eligibility and Selection:**

- Wesley residents must be part-time or full-time students at the U of A or NWACC. Summer residents are not required to be currently enrolled in classes so long as they were enrolled the previous spring semester and will be enrolled again the following fall semester.
- Preference in selection of residents will be given to students who are actively involved in the Wesley ministry and who can make a full academic year commitment or the full summer term. Residents will also be selected based on what the selection team believes will make for the best overall makeup of the Wesley dormitory in any given term.

### **Resident Expectations:**

U of A residents are representatives of the U of A Wesley ministry and of Christ. Therefore, residents are expected to pursue the utmost of Christian character in their behavior and relationships with all persons within and beyond the ministry.

The early Methodists, under John Wesley's leadership, observed three General Rules: 1. Do no harm, 2. Do good, and 3. Stay in love with God. All that is below represents a beginning in concretely articulating what it looks like to live out these three rules in Christian community. Where definition is lacking, refer back to the three General Rules. If every resident and staff member at Wesley lives by these rules, our life together will be a joy, and we will be a gift and help to all who have contact with the Wesley ministry.

### **Spiritual Life:**

- Wesley residents are expected to be actively involved in the Wesley ministry, including faithful attendance at Wesley's weekly gathering for worship. Residents are encouraged to nurture their life in Christ and their Christian witness through participating in the breadth of ministry opportunities available through Wesley in the areas of CONNECT, GROW, and BEAR FRUIT. Residents are also encouraged to participate in the life of a local Christian congregation.

### **Physical Property and Security:**

- Wesley residents are expected to exercise good stewardship of the dormitory. This includes the cleanliness of the kitchen, dishes, refrigerator, and other appliances.

- All dormitory walls, ceilings, doors, woodwork, and windows are to be free from any hooks, tacks, or nails. Woodwork, doors, and windows should also be free of stick-ons. Contact paper or wallpaper is not to be used as a decorative device. Residents should use white adhesive putty (Plasti-Tak, sticky tack, etc.) to stick pictures, posters and wall hangings on the walls. Use of anything other than white adhesive putty on wood surfaces is prohibited. Fines will be assessed if necessary.
- No pets are allowed in the Wesley dormitory.
- Signs may not be displayed in any window or exterior surface of the Wesley House or other locations.
- Bicycles must be stored outside on the bike rack. Use of a bike lock is encouraged. Residents should store their bicycle on the bike rack located behind the building. In times of inclement weather, such as rain, snow, or ice, a resident's bicycle may be brought inside, preferably through the back door closest to the dorm, and stored in the resident's personal room. Bicycles should not be stored inside in common areas, and should be moved back to the outside bike rack after the inclement weather has passed.
- All residential trash goes in the can located by the southeast door, and all recycling waste goes in bins throughout the facility. Pick up for trash and recycling is early Wednesday mornings, so bins are put by the street Tuesday evening. It is the responsibility of residents to properly dispose of waste and recycling for the dormitory. The Resident manager or his/her designate is responsible for placing trash/recycle bins in the designated pickup area.
- Residents should not prop the doors to the Wesley House nor to the Wesley dormitory for any extended period of time. Propping doors indefinitely and without a resident present creates a security issue and also allows insects and rodents entry into the facility.
- U of A Wesley reserves the right to enter the dormitory for inspections and/or for repairs. Tenants will receive advance notice of an inspection, except in either the case of an emergency or if the Landlord believes that the Tenant or his/her guests are involved in dangerous, unhealthy, or unethical activities, or in the case of a violation of the Policy, including but not limited to situations concerning firearms, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and/or pets, in which case no notice will be given before an inspection. An inspection of this nature is performed by two Wesley staff and/or Advisory Council members, and it is not required that the Tenant be present at the time of inspection.
- At times during the year for Advisory Council meetings, Homecoming, or other events where alumni or stakeholders of the ministry are visiting the facility, the staff may desire to give a tour of the dormitory. This includes a dormitory walkthrough by the Wesley Advisory Council each semester. Residents will be given at least one week's notice prior to such tours.
- Wesley residents are a presence for hospitality, helpfulness and security in the Wesley House. Wesley residents provide "watchful eyes" on the facilities and its guests during the hours when staff are not present.
  - In the case that persons come to the facility asking for financial or assistance that is not related to the Wesley College Ministry, please contact the Resident Manager. In the event that the Resident Manager cannot be reached in person or by phone, please first contact an intern. If the intern(s) cannot be reached in person or by phone, contact the College Pastor.
  - Residents should report any dangerous or threatening behavior or situations immediately to the Resident Manager, College Pastor, or emergency services (911). In the case that

you ever feel personally unsafe, you are encouraged to retreat to the dormitory or another lockable space in the facility and call 911 immediately.

- Maintenance issues should be reported to the Wesley Administrator. Emergency needs or issues during off hours should be reported to the Wesley Resident Manager.
- The washer and dryer are for resident's personal laundry only. Laundry should not be done during Wesley events, whether during the day, evening or weekend. If you have a question about the ministry calendar, please consult the Wesley Administrator. Be mindful of the ministry's utility bills and try to maximize your load, whether washing or drying. Since the ministry will use the washer and dryer for kitchen linens, empty the washer and dryer as soon as the cycle is finished.
- Residents are responsible for damages caused by themselves or their guests to the Wesley dormitory or building. In the event that the Landlord is unable to determine the person(s) who caused the damages, the Tenant is responsible as follows Damage within the Unit – 100% of the fee; damage to the bathroom connected to Tenant's Suite – 100% or divided equally between the Tenant and the Suitemate, if applicable; Damage to the Premises Kitchen or Living Areas – 100% or divided equally among all Tenants occupying the Premises, if applicable. Fees for damages will be determined based on the cost to repair the damages.

#### Privacy:

- The Wesley dormitory is the private living space of the Wesley residents. Other students/guests should not visit the dormitory without a resident's invitation, including the use of bathroom facilities.
- Wesley residents must respect the rights and personal property of other residents.

#### Communal Life:

- The Wesley Resident Manager will coordinate a monthly meeting time for Wesley residents to share in fellowship, spiritual growth, and/or to talk together about the joys and challenges associated with living in Christian community. Wesley residents will have input into these gatherings and will also be expected to participate.
- Wesley residents are expected to show respect towards other residents in inviting opposite-gendered guests into the dormitory space. No opposite-gendered guests may spend the night in the Wesley dormitory. Same-sex overnight or weekend guests are allowed, if advanced notice is given to the Wesley Administrator and prior permission is granted. Guests must sleep in the resident's room, not in the dormitory common area. The resident is responsible for the behavior of his or her guests and for any damages a guest causes to the dormitory or facilities.
- Students and residents may play Wesley instruments during "off-hours". Students and residents are expected to be mindful of quiet hours and considerate of others, and are strongly encouraged to use headphones while playing.
- Under the leadership of the Resident Manager, Wesley residents will participate in the formulation of a dormitory covenant to guide their life together. The covenant will address aspects of communal life not already addressed in this policy. Once drafted, this covenant will be considered binding for residents during that term, unless amended by the whole group.
- Residents are required to support the ministry and the Resident Manager at least one Friday or Saturday night once a month by filling in for the Resident Manager. Duties for these nights will be assigned by the Resident Manager.

Life with the Ministry:

- Hallways must remain clear for safety and fire code reasons. Residents' personal belongings should be stored within the dormitory or resident's personal room.
- Music, movies or video games in the dormitory should be kept at a moderate level that does not disturb others at the Wesley House.
- Wesley residents are expected to wear appropriate attire outside of the Wesley dormitory.
- Wesley residents are a presence for hospitality, helpfulness and security in the Wesley House. Although residents are not formally on duty, they are expected when in the facility to be friendly and welcoming towards newcomers and helpful to any student or guest of the ministry.
- All residents will be expected to act with sexual integrity towards other students and towards guests of the ministry. Along with staff, residents will be required to be trained in our sexual ethics policy and to sign and abide by that sexual ethics policy. Sexual comments or harassment and sexual relations are not appropriate activities in either the private or public spaces of the Wesley House. Excessive PDA is also inappropriate in the facility's public spaces, as that makes other students and guests uncomfortable.
- In the case a Wesley resident is not able to participate on a given week in Wesley worship, that resident should be sensitive to the fact that others are worshipping in the common space of the facility. Since the entrance to the Wesley dormitory is just above the worship space, residents should either exit the facility before worship begins or plan to remain in the dormitory while worship is going on, except in the case of emergency. Coming in and out during worship will cause noise and disrupt what is going on downstairs and should be avoided unless absolutely necessary.
- To support the ministry, residents are expected to help set up and tear down for weekly full-fellowship events, as coordinated by the Resident Manager.

Failure to comply with this policy may result in warnings, fines, and potential eviction from the dormitory. U of A Wesley reserves the right from time to time to make reasonable changes to the Policy. These changes will take effect once residents have been notified of the changes.

I have read and understand the "U of A Wesley Building Policy, Addendum A: Dormitory Residents", and agree to follow this policy.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_