

STATEMENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE

Staff members and volunteers of Life Action Ministries (LAM) are committed to the mission of the organization and to living in a manner that brings glory to the name of our Lord. We all desire to serve with each other in a way that honors God, promotes authentic relationships, and moves LAM forward in accomplishing its mission.

Staff members and volunteers of LAM are committed to living a life that is set apart for and brings honor to the name of Christ. We realize we are representatives of LAM within the communities where we live, and our actions reflect the ministry to the community. To this end we agree to uphold this Statement of Community Lifestyle.

We affirm that the Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God, and therefore is the final and binding authority concerning truth, morality, and proper conduct—what we believe and how we live. Therefore:

1. **We commit** to pursue a lifestyle that honors Christ, to develop and practice Christian morals and virtues, and to live in Christian loyalty to each other through the pursuit of the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Colossians 1:10; Galatians 5:22–23)
2. **We commit** to pursue a lifestyle that honors and esteems each other better than ourselves. This leads to positive, encouraging relationships and always avoids any form of prejudice, exploitation, abuse, harassment, or discrimination toward any other staff member or volunteer. (Philippians 2:3–4)
3. **We commit** not to engage in behavior expressly forbidden in the Bible. This includes, but is not limited to, slander, drunkenness, stealing, profane language, gluttony, premarital sex, adultery, and homosexual behavior (see 1 Corinthians 6:9–11). Engaging in these or other such sins may be the basis for discipline or termination of staff or volunteers. A pattern of exhibiting sinful attitudes (pride, bitterness, anger, etc.) may also be the basis for discipline or termination.
4. **We commit** to support what we believe to be a biblical view of human sexuality and marriage: that God established marriage as a lifelong, covenant relationship between one man and one woman and that sexual relations are blessed and permitted only within the bounds of marriage so defined. We will pursue sexual purity in all areas, avoiding all forms of immorality, including pornography and other sexually explicit entertainment (Genesis 2:18–25; 1 Corinthians 6:18). We will be faithful to uphold and protect the marriage covenant, whether our own marriage or that of others.
5. **We commit** to faithful involvement in a local assembly of believers that is aligned with LAM’s statement of faith. We also commit to faithful participation in chapels, team meetings, prayer times, and devotional gatherings, as directed by divisional leadership, with the goal of pursuing relationship with Christ in the community of LAM. (Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10:25)
6. **We commit** to living a life that is set apart for God, recognizing that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. As such, we will abstain from any kind of substance abuse and refrain from the use of hallucinogenic drugs, illegal substances, marijuana, and/or narcotics not authorized by a physician. Alcohol and tobacco are not to be served or consumed at any Life Action function, property, or any time we are representing LAM. We also discourage public use of tobacco or consumption of alcohol for our staff because we believe abstaining from tobacco use and drinking alcohol to be generally in the best interest of this ministry’s mission. Staff members and volunteers of LAM will use the highest level of discretion in this area as ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ and representatives of LAM. (1 Corinthians 6:19; Proverbs 23)
7. **We commit** to using the resources God has provided to LAM in a way that is positive and constructive and that demonstrates responsible stewardship. All resources must be used for the benefit of the organization and its mission, and not for personal gain. (Luke 16:10)