

Lifestyle Guidelines

The lifestyle guidelines reflect the Articles of Faith and Agreed Statement of Belief of the Church of the Nazarene and the Mission Statement of Mount Vernon Nazarene University. The premise of our lifestyle guidelines is to exemplify such personal, moral, and religious conduct as shall be above reproach. This lifestyle premise is for everyone working and living on campus: students, faculty, staff, and administration, and is a rationale for desirable behavior and attitudes. To be in accord with the purposes and spirit of the University and with the doctrines and standards of the Church of the Nazarene, our lifestyle practices exclude:

- drinking alcoholic beverages
- engaging in sexual acts with anyone other than your spouse
- viewing pornographic and violent videos/movies
- using illegal drugs
- participating in gambling
- using tobacco in any form

The University also asks employees to follow dress code guidelines.

The University expects all employees to live by this lifestyle premise. We ask for an understanding of the need for lifestyle standards, a good spirit in keeping them, and cooperative efforts in improving them. As MVNU employees, we ask that you consider the larger picture that what we do and how we do it reflects on MVNU and affects other people as well as ourselves. Our desire is to glorify God in all our efforts.

Statement of Faith

As an educational institution of the Church of the Nazarene, Mount Vernon Nazarene University stands in the Wesleyan evangelical tradition, as summarized in the Articles of Faith and Agreed Statement of Belief in the Manual of the Church of the Nazarene.

The Articles of Faith contains 19 points of faith in The Triune God, Jesus Christ, The Holy Spirit, The Holy Scriptures, Original and Personal Sins, Atonement, Free Agency, Repentance, Justification, Regeneration and Adoption, Entire Sanctification, The Church, Baptism, The Lord's Supper, Divine Healing, Second Coming of Christ, Resurrection, Judgment, and Destiny.

The Agreed Statement of Belief reads:

We Believe

- In one God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- That the Old and New Testament scriptures, given by plenary inspiration, contain all truth necessary to faith and Christian living.
- That man is born with a fallen nature and is, therefore, inclined to evil, and that continually.
- That the finally impenitent are hopelessly and eternally lost.
- That the atonement through Christ is for the whole human race; and that whosoever repents and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ is justified and regenerated and saved from the dominion of sin.
- That believers are to be sanctified wholly, subsequent to regeneration, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- That the Holy Spirit bears witness to the new birth and also the entire sanctification of believers.
- That our Lord will return, the dead will be raised, and the final judgment will take place.