



# **BRANDING STANDARDS & GRAPHIC IDENTITY GUIDELINES**

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In today's world of marketing, the old definition of a brand — a name, sign or symbol used to differentiate one entity from another — no longer is sufficient.

# INTRODUCTION

A 21st-century brand has consistent logos and colors, but it goes far beyond images. A brand represents the values, ideas and personality of an entity; it is the consumer's total experience. A brand often includes a logo, fonts and color schemes that are developed to represent values, and ideas. When properly developed, a brand should generate positive feelings and even an affinity for the entity.

Those feelings are developed over time, through a series of consistent and positive experiences both direct and indirect, through advertising, design, media and more. It makes no difference if the entity is a retail business, a service provider or a fraternity. A brand creates associations and expectations, and the goal is to make them positive and memorable.

## ABOUT OUR IDENTITY

The United Council of Christian Fraternities and Sororities, Inc. brand represents the essence of the organization which includes cooperative ministry, excellence, royalty and passion for expanding the Kingdom of God through bringing together stellar Christian organizations that serve men and women across the world.

The visual representations combine traditional elements such as strong colors that evoke royalty (purple) and excellence (gold) combined with a simple and clean typeface.

These visual representations are one of the most-important pieces of intellectual property we have and they must be protected through proper use.

This document will outline proper logo usage, devise a consistent brand message and develop a plan for the overall branding of the corporation.

Users are asked to use these guidelines when designing any materials for UCCFS. They are not in place to reduce creativity, but to guarantee the proper use of the visual elements.

## GOALS & ASPIRATIONS

The primary goal is to develop a classic, strong and timeless brand that represents the Godly royalty of the member institutions — based on a consistent identity system — that reflects a corporation looking to the future with respect for its past.



# EDITORIAL STYLE GUIDE

These are officially designated names and word usage for the council.

## **UCCFS**

Acronym for the United Council of Christian Fraternities and Sororities. The unifying council for several commissioned Christian fraternities and sororities.

## **2006**

August 2006, the date when the council was founded.

## **Board of Presidents**

The governing board which provides ultimate direction for the council. This board does not have governing authority over the individual member organizations.

## **Shirley K. Russell**

Visionary Founder of UCCFS

## **Founding Organizations**

Alpha Nu Omega, Inc., Delta Psi Epsilon Christian Sorority, Inc. and Men of God Christian Fraternity, Inc. are the three founding organizations of the council.

## **Boiler Plate**

UCCFS is a cooperative ministry established in 2006 currently serving six Christian organizations representing over 1,000 members and 30 chapters across the country through sharing of resources, leadership training and unity events. For more information about the United Council of Christian Fraternities and Sororities, Inc. and the member organizations, visit [www.uccfs.org](http://www.uccfs.org).

## **Cooperative Ministry Since 2006**

Tagline/Slogan for the council.

## **General Information**

Official Name:  
United Council of Christian Fraternities and Sororities, Inc.

National Office: Baltimore, MD

Established Date: 2006

First Conference: 2007

Nickname: UCCFS

## **Trademarked Verbiage:**

UCCFS™



# COLOR PALETTE & CHARACTERISTICS

The Council's primary colors are Goldenrod (gold), Royal Purple and Black.

These colors serve as the brand's primary colors for print, electronic and environmental applications. The colors must be used together for proper branding.

The colors have traditional and historic value as they represent colors from the founding organization of UCCFS - Gold (Alpha Nu Omega), Purple (Delta Psi Epsilon), and Black (Men of God Christian Fraternity).

## **Gold**

The characteristics it is meant to portray are:

- Wealth
- Accomplishment

## **Royal Purple**

The characteristics it is meant to portray are:

- Royalty
- Associated with Advent and Lent
- Pride

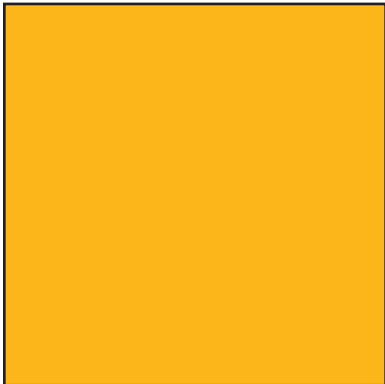
## **Black**

The characteristics it is meant to portray are:

- Ferocity
- Authority
- Dominance

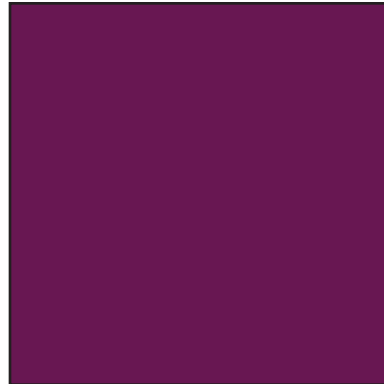
# COLOR GUIDE

## GOLD



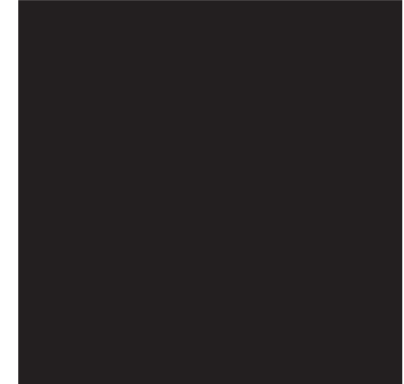
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CMYK	11-19-100-0
RGB	232-196-0
HEX	#e8c400

## PURPLE



SPOT	PMS 2577
PROCESS	c48m69y0k0
CMYK	48-69-0-0
RGB	145-101-171
HEX	#9165ab

## BLACK



SPOT	BLACK
PROCESS	c0m0y0k0
CMYK	0-0-0-0
RGB	0-0-0
HEX	000000

UCCFS PMS colors do not override the organizational PMS colors





# TYPOGRAPHY

The typeface Times New Roman was in the primary logo's design.

Times New Roman is a robust typeface that includes a range of weights, providing versatility and legibility in print and electronic applications.

## TIMES NEW ROMAN

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# GRAPHIC STYLE GUIDE



PRIMARY LOGO



SECONDARY MARK

## USAGE

- All marks must be reproduced from official artwork available from the national office.
- The marks must be displayed using the official colors. No other colors may be used unless approval is given by the national office.

The Primary Logo should be used on the front of publications, at the start of presentation materials and on the main page of web sites. The logos are for use on apparel and merchandising products. They may be used as graphic elements in printed and presentation materials.

# MINIMUM SIZE & CLEAR SPACE ALLOWANCE



## Clear Space Allowance

To allow for maximum legibility, the logos must be kept clear from conflicting visual elements. The "clear space" is the minimum amount of space that must surround the logo. No elements such as typography, other logos or graphics should intrude into the clear space.

For any questions about this matter, please consult the national office.

## Minimum Size

To ensure the mark is recognizable as well as to maintain readability, the minimum reproduction size is:

- Primary Logo: 1 inch
- Secondary Logos: 1 inch

# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

## **BRANDING STANDARDS & GRAPHIC IDENTITY**

For questions related to the UCCFS branding standards and graphic identity:

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