

Restated Constitution

ST MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

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Constitution of St. Mark Lutheran Church

Preamble

The purpose of this congregation shall be to give honor and glory to the Triune God, to carry out His will, to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all the world, to manifest the unity of our faith in Jesus Christ as God and Savior, to foster Christian fellowship and love, to extend a helping hand to human need, and to achieve its objectives by the preaching of the Word of God, by the administration of the sacraments, and by the religious instruction of all its members according to the confessional standard of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Article I

Name

The name of this congregation shall be St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church of Omaha, Nebraska.

Article II

Confession of Faith

This congregation accepts all the Canonical Books of the Old and New Testaments as the revealed Word of God, verbally inspired. It also accepts all Confessional Writings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church contained in the Book of Concord of 1580.

Article III

Synodical Affiliation

This congregation shall be affiliated with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod as long as the Constitution and confessions of the Synod are in accord with the Constitution and confessions of this congregation as laid down in Article II.

Article IV

Membership

The membership of this congregation includes the Baptized Members, Confirmed Members, and Voting Members as defined in the Bylaws.

Article V.

Organization

A. Voters' Assembly

The Voters' Assembly shall consist of all Voting Members present at a regular or special meeting of the congregation, or all Voting Members who participate in a vote of the Members in such other manner authorized by the Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Act. There will be no voting by proxy. The congregation, through its Voting Members, shall have final authority in managing its internal and external affairs.

B. Parish Leadership Council

The Parish Leadership Council shall be the board of directors of the congregation and is responsible to administer all the congregation's affairs except the following matters for action only by the Voters' Assembly:

1. Call or remove a called worker.
2. Purchase new or sell existing church property or buildings valued over 10% of the annual operating budget.
3. Adopt the Annual operating budget.
4. Dissolve the congregation.
5. Merger involving the congregation.
6. Changing synodical affiliation.

C. Officers and Boards

The officers of this congregation shall be such officers as the Bylaws of this Constitution prescribe. The officers and boards prescribed in the Bylaws shall have no authority beyond that which has been conferred upon them in the Constitution or Bylaws.

Article VI

Called Workers

Calls will only be issued to pastors, pastoral candidates or commissioned ministers who profess and adhere to the confessional standard set forth in this Constitution, who are qualified for the work of the ministry, and who have been endorsed by and are members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Article VII

Dispute Resolution

If, at any time, a separation shall take place within this congregation, the advice of the officers of the Synod shall be sought. If, despite all efforts to resolve differences in peace and love, a division into factions of the congregation shall occur, the property of the congregation and all benefits connected shall remain with those who continue to adhere to the confession and practice in Article II of the Constitution. If both parties continue to adhere to the confession and practice in Article II and both parties fail to reach agreement after Synodical attempts to negotiate a settlement, then the property of the congregation and all benefits shall remain with the majority.

Article VIII

Property Rights

In the event the Congregation should totally disband, the property and all rights connected therewith shall be transferred to the district of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod of which the Congregation is a member at the time of disbanding.

Article IX

Voting

Unless a greater vote is required by the Articles of Incorporation, this Constitution or the Bylaws, a matter shall require an affirmative vote of the majority of the Voting Members participating in a Voters' Assembly.

Article X

Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those Voting Members voting at a regular or special Voters' Assembly called in accordance with the Bylaws of the congregation. The wording of proposed amendments to Constitution shall be included in any notice of such meeting.