

Introduction and Summary of Proposed Bylaw 2018

As a result of the decision taken at the Synodical convention in October 2017 regarding restructuring of Synod, it is necessary to amend the Bylaws of the East District Corporation. This is because:

a) Synod will no longer work through the separate District Corporations after January 1, 2019 to deliver services to members. This means that the ecclesiastical functions of our District will cease as of January 1, 2019. Those functions will be handled through the new Regional Pastor, Circuit Counsellors and Regional Mission and Ministry Council.

b) The Board of Directors of the East District wishes to maintain the East District Corporation as a vehicle for continuing to operate the Church Extension Fund (CEF) of the East District as well as managing the other corporate assets of the District.

The current Handbook of the East District has 3 sections:

- The Articles of Continuance (these state the basic purpose and functioning of the Corporation)
- The Bylaws
- The Regulations

1) The purpose of the corporation will not change. It will still support the work of LCC in our Region. Hence no changes to the Articles of Continuance are proposed.

2) Since the ecclesiastical District functions will no longer operate after January of 2019, all references to district conventions, departments, committees and other ecclesiastical functions have been eliminated from the Bylaws and Regulations.

3) The corporation will continue to elect a board of directors, but the proposed makeup of the board will be slightly different. There will no longer be a District President or Vice-Presidents as these were ecclesiastical in nature. The size will remain the same; 9 Directors will still be elected – 4 clergy and 5 lay (one of the 5 can be a deacon). Those 9 will then choose their own Chairman (who will also be the Chairman of the Corporation) and Secretary from the directors elected. There will no longer be a stipulation that the directors come from different circuits. The focus will be on electing the best qualified individuals. Most of the work of the Board will be managing the assets of the Corporation and operating the CEF.

4) For some years now the East District has used part of the CEF surplus to fund mission work in the East District. The intent is that this will continue to happen. However, instead of congregations coming to the corporation for subsidy, congregations will work through the Regional Mission and Ministry Council and Regional Pastor to request the assistance they require from Synod. Synod may then approach the East District Corporation to request assistance in funding ministry in our Region when they are unable to provide all of the funding needed. In this respect, the corporation will operate in a similar manner as do other LSOs, supporting the work of Synod while operating their own affairs. In order to accomplish this, the corporation will likely sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Synod.

5) The bylaws have been amended to coincide with the Synodical changes that move conventions to a 4 year cycle. Under corporate law the corporation must have annual meetings. The proposed

bylaw proposes that every four years the annual meeting be held at a time during the Synodical convention. The agreement to set aside time to do so will form part of the MOU with Synod. At that annual meeting the directors will be elected, the exception being this October 2018, when the new board of directors for the revised corporation will be elected at the final District Convention. The term of office for directors will become 4 years rather than the current 3 years.

6) There will be no need for Regulations. Most of the matters in the current Regulations are eliminated as they related to matters that will now be handled by Synod. Those things that are still necessary to retain have either been incorporated into the new bylaw or will be covered in a revised Policy and Procedures Manual.

The draft Bylaw 2018 is laid out in 5 columns as follows:

- The first column lists the page number in our current 2015 Handbook. This is for convenience and quick reference.
- The second column is the entire current Bylaws and Regulations. Since there are no proposed changes to the Articles of Continuance, they have not been included.
- The third column contains an explanation of what was changed, deleted, added or moved.
- Since the Regulations have been eliminated, it was necessary to reorder some things in the Bylaws. When things have moved, the fourth column shows where in the new Bylaw they appear, allowing you to see and compare at a glance without searching to find them.
- The final column contains the entire proposed Bylaw 2018.

Finally, please note that this Bylaw 2018 will need to be approved at the October 2018 District convention.

If you have questions please contact one of the committee members and please try to attend one of the 5 circuit meetings being held to explain Bylaw 2018.

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CIRCUIT MEETINGS

Ottawa Circuit (presentation -12:45)

Saturday April 7 - 10 A.M.

Grace Lutheran Church

423 Witt Rd., Pembroke

613-735-6209

Kitchener, Hanover & Stratford Circuits

Saturday June 9 - 2 P.M.

Messiah Lutheran Church

700 Glen Forest Blvd., Waterloo

519-884-3849

Toronto Circuit

London & Windsor Circuits

Saturday June 2 - 10:30 A.M.

Christ Our King Lutheran Church

2150 Dundas St. W., Mississauga

905-822-8931

Saturday June 9 – 9:30 A.M.

Faith Lutheran Church

310 Southdale Rd. E., London

519-685-9700

Niagara & Hamilton Circuits

Saturday May 12 - 9:30 A.M.

Christ Our Saviour Lutheran Church

448 Main St. W., Grimsby

905-945-8931