

Eastern District
of
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

BYLAWS

June 19, 2015

PROPOSED 1/26/2018

In the name of Jesus, Lord of the Church

PREAMBLE

The Constitution and Bylaws of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are the Constitution and Bylaws of the Eastern District, a District created by the Synod. To the extent granted by such Constitution and Bylaws, the Eastern District is independent in the administration of its affairs, and by express authority given under such Constitution and Bylaws, it may adopt and pass as it may deem expedient, and it has adopted and passed, Bylaws and Regulations not in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod.

The Eastern District has specifically incorporated itself in the State of New York on May 22, 1903 and in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on January 22, 1923.

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I. NAME

The name of this ecclesiastical, non-profit organization is “The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Eastern District”.

II. ADDRESS

The principal address of the Eastern District shall be in the County of Erie, in the State of New York.

III. OFFICERS

The elective officers of the Eastern District, as provided for in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod, shall be the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Circuit Visitors.

The Treasurer, an officer of the Eastern District, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

IV. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors is the legal representative of the Eastern District. It is the custodian of all property of the district, and upon it is incumbent the general management and supervision of the district.

The voting members of the Board of Directors shall be:

- The President
- The First Vice President
- The Second Vice President
- The Third Vice President

The Fourth Vice President
The eight Regional Directors
The Secretary
One Minister of Religion—Commissioned

The advisory members of the Board of Directors shall be:

The Treasurer
Members of the district staff
Others deemed necessary by the Board to accomplish appointed tasks.

V. DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, REPRESENTATIVES

The elective boards and committees of the district shall be:

The Board of Directors
The Nominating Committee

The appointive boards, committees and representatives of the district shall include:

_____The Constitution Committee
An Archivist/Historian
The Roster of Reconcilers (defined by the Bylaws of the Synod)
Others as determined by the Board and/or the President

VI. REGIONS AND CIRCUITS

The district is divided into four regions and their respective circuits, the geographical boundaries of which are determined by the district and are altered by it according to circumstances.

VII. RELATIONSHIP

Except to the extent, if any, that the law requires otherwise, all provisions of the Eastern District Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Regulations are subject to the provisions of the Constitution, Bylaws and resolutions of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in convention.

VIII. DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Eastern District, its assets, subject to its liabilities, shall be transferred, consistent with applicable state and federal laws, for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod as may be more specifically described in Synod Bylaws; provided, however, that if the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod is unwilling to accept the assets, or is no longer a tax-exempt organization described in Section 501(c)(3), or is no longer in existence, then the assets shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Eastern District is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

~~VII.~~IX. AMENDMENTS

Changes in these bylaws may be proposed and made provided that they do not conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of Synod.

Intentions to amend are to be submitted to the Commission on Constitutional Matters for approval prior to being voted upon by the district in convention.

All proposed changes and amendments shall be submitted in writing to the district duly assembled in convention and each proposed change shall be voted upon separately.

A two-thirds majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for adoption.