

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
of
OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
LANSING, MICHIGAN
Adopted by the Voters Assembly on March 26, 2006
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PREAMBLE

Since, according to the Word of God,

- Christians should practice fellowship with those who profess the true faith (Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10: 24-25); and
- they should endeavor to keep the unity of the faith (Ephesians 4:3-6; I Corinthians 1:10); and
- as a body they should administer the Office of the Keys including preaching the Word of God, administering the Sacraments and especially the power to forgive and retain sins (John 20:21-23; Matthew 18:15-20); and
- it is the will of our Lord Jesus Christ that His people disciple the whole world (Matthew 28:18-21); and
- in such a body all things should be done decently and in order (I Corinthians 14:10);

Therefore we, a collection of Lutherans residing in and near Lansing, Michigan, have united to maintain a congregation, and are herewith adopting regulations by which the Congregation is to be governed and its affairs are to be determined.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this congregation shall be "Our Savior Lutheran Church of Lansing, Michigan."

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this gathering of believers is to glorify and praise God, strengthen and support fellow members and to reach a lost world with the Good News of Jesus so that more might be saved. We shall be compelled by the love of God toward these endeavors as He works in us through the Word and Sacraments.

ARTICLE III - ARTICLES OF FAITH AND CONFESSIONS

This congregation accepts all the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments as the verbally inspired and revealed Word of God, and all the Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, contained in the Book of Concord of the year 1580, as the correct presentation and true exposition of Christian Doctrine drawn from the Holy Scripture, namely,

1. The Three Ecumenical Creeds, that is, the Apostolic, the Nicene, and the Athanasian;
2. The Unaltered Augsburg Confession;

3. The Apology of the Augsburg Confession;
4. The Smalcald Articles;
5. Luther's Large Catechism;
6. Luther's Small Catechism;
7. The Formula of Concord.

ARTICLE IV - SYNODICAL MEMBERSHIP

In order to do the Lord's work more efficiently within and beyond our own congregation, we maintain voting membership in The Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod, as long as the synodical church body adheres to the confessional basis detailed in Article III above. As members of this Synod, we participate in its meetings and deliberations, help bear its burdens, and share in the building of the Kingdom of God.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this congregation includes the following:

- A. **Baptized Membership**--Baptized members are all members who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God and who come under the spiritual care of the pastors of this congregation.
- B. **Communicant Membership**--Communicant Members are those:
 1. who are baptized in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost;
 2. who accept all canonical books of the Old and New Testaments as the only divine rule and standard of faith and life;
 3. who have been instructed in the doctrines of the Christian religion as taught in Luther's Small Catechism and the Unaltered Augsburg Confession and declare acceptance thereof;
 4. who attend divine services faithfully;
 5. who lead Christian lives and do not live in manifest works of the flesh (Galatians 5:19-21)
 6. who partake of the Lord's Supper frequently after their confirmation;
 7. who contribute regularly and faithfully as God has prospered them toward the building of Christ's kingdom in the congregation and throughout the world;
 8. who devote their time and talents to the extension of the Kingdom of God;
 9. who permit themselves to be fraternally admonished and corrected when they have erred;
 10. who are not members, affiliates, or supporters of secret societies or other organizations conflicting with the Word of God.
- C. **Voting Membership**--All communicant members in good standing, male and female, who have reached the age of 18 years and who have received a copy, read and abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the Congregation, shall be entitled to vote at Congregational Meetings.

ARTICLE VI – POWERS OF THE CONGREGATION

A. General

The voting membership of the Congregation has the sole responsibility for:

1. Amending the Constitution and By-laws
2. Purchase or sale of real property.

3. Approval of construction or renovation of facilities which requires the borrowing of funds
4. Approval of major fund raising activities for construction or renovation of facilities, purchase of property, or debt retirement
5. Approval of the annual operating budget limit and the general allocation
6. Borrowing of funds in excess of 5% annually of the annual operating budget
7. Election of members of the Board of Directors, the Spiritual Life Team, and the Christian Education Team
8. Calling of pastors, teachers, and other professional staff
9. Release of elected officials, pastors, teachers, or other professional staff
10. Excommunication of members

All other responsibilities will be delegated to the Board of Directors.

B. Decisions

The Congregation shall not be empowered to decide anything contrary to the Word of God and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church (Article III, Articles of Faith and Confessions).

C. Powers of Officers

Congregational officers shall have no authority beyond that which has been conferred upon them, and whatever power may have been delegated to them may at any time be altered or revoked by the Congregation.

D. Removal from Office

Any elected official, pastor, teacher, or other professional staff person may be removed from office by the Congregation, by secret ballot, in a Christian and lawful order, for one of the following causes: persistent teaching or behavior contrary to Article III of this Constitution, willful neglect of their duties, or other causes detrimental to the welfare of the Congregation.

ARTICLE VII - PASTORS, TEACHERS, AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Only such candidates shall be called and elected to serve as pastors who profess acceptance of, and pledge faithful adherence to, the Articles of Faith and Confession of this congregation as set forth in Article III of this Constitution and who have been endorsed by and are members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Only such candidates shall be called or contracted and elected to serve as teachers or other professional staff who profess acceptance of, and pledge faithful adherence to, the Articles of Faith and Confession of this congregation as set forth in Article III of this Constitution.

Elected teacher candidates who are synodically trained or colloquized shall be issued a Call. The Call may be issued with tenure or without tenure.

Elected teacher candidates who are not synodically trained or colloquized shall be issued a Contract. The Contract may be issued with tenure or without tenure.

In the absence of adequate cause for dismissal, as defined in Article VI. D. of this Constitution, the tenure of office of a called and elected pastor or teacher or other professional staff, when elected to the position with tenure, shall be the remainder of their active life, or until the Lord calls them into another field of service.

ARTICLE VIII – ELECTED LAY POSITONS

- A. Only such voting members in good standing who have reached the age of 21 can hold an elective office.
- B. As a doctrinal position of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, women may hold an elected position that is not directly involved in the direct association with and governance of the pastoral office (preaching, the public administration of the Sacraments, church discipline, cf. I Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1: 6-9). Accordingly women shall not serve as an Elder, Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors/Congregation.
- C. The elected positions of this Congregation shall be such as the By-Laws of the Congregation prescribe.

ARTICLE IX - CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

- A. Since the Word of God urges the Christian training of the young (Deuteronomy 6:6-9, Psalm 78:5-8, John 21:15, Ephesians 6:4), therefore, this congregation shall at all times maintain a Christian Day School to assist parents in providing a Christian education for their children. In the Christian Day School, all teaching will be in accord with the Articles of Faith and Confessions found in ARTICLE III of this Constitution.
- B. All parents who are members of this congregation are encouraged to send their children to the Christian Day School and to support their instruction in accord with the Holy Scriptures and the Confessional Standard of the Lutheran Church as defined in this Constitution.

ARTICLE X - PROPERTY RIGHTS

If at any time a separation should take place on account of doctrine, the property of the congregation and all benefits therewith connected shall remain with those voting members who continue to adhere in confession and practice to Article III of this Constitution. In the event the congregation should totally disband, the property and all rights connected therewith shall be transferred to the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

ARTICLE XI – DOCTRINAL LITERATURE

Only such forms of worship and hymns, songs, prayers, and liturgies shall be used in the public services of the congregation and in all ministerial acts as conform to the confessional standard of Article III. Likewise, in all classes for instruction in Christian Doctrine only such books shall be used as conform to this standard.

ARTICLE XII – THE OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

The Our Savior Lutheran Church Endowment Fund receives funds through gifts, bequests, wills, estates or trusts from any source whether in cash or in other property. All Endowment Fund moneys and

property shall be kept and maintained separate, distinct, and independent from the funds and property otherwise belonging to the church.

The Fund shall be managed by an Endowment Committee. Members of the Endowment Committee will be appointed by the Board of Directors. The structure of this committee and its operating principles and guidelines are defined in the By-Laws to this Constitution.

ARTICLE XIII – CHANGING THE CONSTITUTION

A. Unalterable Articles

The following Articles of this Constitution or sections hereof shall be unalterable and irrevocable: III, Articles of Faith and Confessions; Article IV, Synodical Membership; Article VII, Pastors, Teachers, and other Professional Staff; Article IX, Christian Day School; Article X, Property Rights; Article XI, Doctrinal Literature; and Article XIII. A., Unalterable Articles.

B. Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution may be adopted at a Congregational Meeting provided:

1. That they do not conflict with the provisions laid down in Article III, Articles of Faith and Confessions, or with any section of any other article that pertains to Scriptural doctrine and practice; and
2. That a proposed amendment is submitted in writing to the Board of Directors for review; and
3. That the Board of Directors shall then place the amendment on the agenda for first reading at a Congregation Meeting; and
4. That an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voters present is secured at the next Congregational Meeting. An exception is any amendment considering the partial or complete liquidation of the Our Savior Lutheran Church Endowment Fund as covered in paragraph 5 below.
5. As specified in the By-Laws pertaining to the Our Savior Lutheran Church Endowment Fund, any amendment considering the partial or complete liquidation of the Fund requires a two thirds (2/3) majority vote at a regular Congregational Meeting or at a meeting called specifically for this purpose.

THE BY-LAWS OF THE CONSTITUTION

**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Lansing, Michigan**

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

A. ADMISSION INTO BAPTIZED MEMBERSHIP

1. By transfer from a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation or congregation in fellowship with LCMS
2. By coming under the pastoral care of Our Savior Lutheran Church
3. By being baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

B. ADMISSION INTO COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP

1. By Confirmation at Our Savior Lutheran Church
2. By Transfer
Persons coming with a letter of transfer from a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation or congregation in fellowship with LCMS, shall be received by the Pastor and reported to the Spiritual Life Team.
3. By Profession of Faith
Other persons who have previously been confirmed as a member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation or a congregation in fellowship with LCMS, or who can declare their understanding and support for the confessional foundation of this congregation, shall submit their application to the Senior Pastor. Upon giving satisfactory evidence of qualifications for communicant membership to the Pastor, they shall be received by the Pastor and reported to the Spiritual Life Team.

C. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP (Dismissal or Release of Member)

1. Transferring to a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation or congregation in fellowship with LCMS.
A member in good standing requesting release to a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation or congregation in fellowship with LCMS shall apply to the pastor who shall issue a letter of transfer and report the action to the Spiritual Life Team.
2. Joining Other Churches
In cases where a member has joined another congregation outside our fellowship, they shall be considered as having terminated their membership.
3. Whereabouts Unknown
A member whose whereabouts are unknown and cannot be established may be removed by the pastor and Spiritual Life Team.
4. Self-Exclusion
A member who has been admonished according to Matthew 18:15-20 for inactivity in worship, inactivity in the study of the Word, and non-participation in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and who is unwilling to amend his/her ways will be removed from membership by a simple majority vote at a Congregational Meeting.
5. Excommunication

Any member who demonstrates un-Christian conduct (adherence to false doctrine, unscriptural life, or neglect of the Means of Grace) shall be admonished by the pastors and the Spiritual Life Team according to Matthew 18:15-20. If the member refuses to amend a sinful life after proper admonition, the member shall be recommended to the Congregation for excommunication. A simple majority vote at a Congregation Meeting shall be required for excommunication.

ARTICLE II – MEETINGS

A. Regular Meetings

At least one meeting of the Congregation shall be held each calendar year.

B. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Congregation may be called by the Senior Pastor, the Chairman or by a petition of at least 75 signatures of voting members. The agenda will be announced 2 successive Sundays prior to the meeting and only business on the agenda will be conducted at the meeting.

C. A Quorum for Congregational Meetings

Every Congregation Meeting shall be announced on two consecutive Sundays prior to the meeting. Those in attendance constitute a quorum.

D. Passage of Resolutions

For amending the Constitution or By-Laws; the purchase or sale of real property other than staff housing; approval of construction or renovation of facilities which requires the borrowing of funds; the release of a pastor, teacher, or other professional staff; or the removal of elected official; a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voters present shall be required for passage of a resolution. For partial or complete liquidation of the Our Savior Lutheran Church Endowment Fund, a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voters present shall be required for passage. For all other resolutions, a simple majority is required.

E. Conduct of Meetings

All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Our Savior Lutheran's core values. Roberts Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority.

ARTICLE III - CALLING OF PASTORS, TEACHERS, AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF

When calling pastors, teachers, or other professional staff, the following procedures shall be followed.

- A.** Every member of the congregation shall be provided the opportunity to suggest one or more names for the office.
- B.** The Board of Directors shall appoint a Call Committee to serve as a screening committee. The Call Committee shall submit all suggested names to the district president for information and evaluation. The Call Committee shall also receive names of candidates determined by the district president.
- C.** At a Congregational Meeting called for the purpose of calling a pastor, teacher, or other professional staff, the Call Committee shall present its proposed list of candidates and their biographical sketches.
- D.** Ballot voting shall continue until a majority vote determines the disposition of the call. Once a majority candidate is determined there shall be a call for a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE IV – THE PASTORAL OFFICE

The Pastoral Office is the authority conferred upon Pastors by God through a call of the Congregation to exercise in public office the common rights of the spiritual priesthood on behalf of all. The Senior Pastor is the overseer of the office of the public ministry in the Congregation and shall serve in a supervisory capacity for all other called/professional and volunteer positions within the congregation.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS OF THE CONGREGATION

The Officers of the Congregation are also the officers of the Board of Directors and shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Financial Officer. Any voting member 21 years or older may hold these offices, except that the office of Chairman and Vice-Chairman may be occupied by males only (see Constitution Article VIII. B.).

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. Chairman

The Chairman of the Congregation shall preside at all Congregation Meetings. He shall enforce the Constitution and By-Laws of the Congregation. He shall call and preside over the meetings of the Board of Directors.

B. Vice-Chairman

The Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman in his absence, his disability or at his request.

C. Secretary

The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Congregation and Board of Directors meetings, register all members attending the meetings and submit minutes for adoption at the following regular meeting.

D. Financial Officer

The Financial Officer shall:

1. arrange for financial advice and consultation for the Board of Directors as requested by the Board of Directors;
2. gather information for the Board of Directors to support the development of financial policies;
3. apprise the Board of Directors on a regular basis of the status of the financial health of the congregation;
4. request and receive from the staff periodic reports of the financial operations of the church;
5. arrange for the preparation of financial reports to the Congregation; and
6. arrange for a review each year of the financial records and procedures of the Congregation.

E. Legal Obligations of Congregation

Officers of the Congregation are authorized to sign any contracts passed by the Congregation or by the Board of Directors. The Senior Pastor or his designee will sign all other contracts.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTION OF CONGREGATION OFFICIALS

A. Definition of Elected Congregation Officials

The elected officials of the Congregation shall be the Board of Directors, the Spiritual Life Team, and the Christian Education Team.

B. Nominations

1. The Nominations Committee shall consist of two (2) members from the Board of Directors, two (2) from the Spiritual Life Team, and two (2) from the Christian Education Team, and the Senior Pastor. Either the Chairman or the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be the chairman of the Nominations Committee.
2. The Nominations Committee shall publish the slate of candidates on at least two consecutive Sundays prior to the election. Nominations may be made by members of the Congregation prior to the publishing of the slate. No person may be nominated without their consent or whose qualifications do not comply with Constitution Article VIII, Elected Lay Positions.

C. Elections

Congregation Officials shall be elected by the Congregation in November and shall assume their respective duties on the first day of January. Board of Directors members, Spiritual Life Team members, and Christian Education Team members receiving the most votes for their respective positions shall be elected for terms specified in these By-Laws and shall hold office until their successors have been elected.

D. Terms of Office

Terms of all offices shall be for three years. Approximately one-third of the members of the Board of Directors, the Spiritual Life Team, and the Christian Education Team shall be elected every year. No member of the Board of Directors may serve more than six successive years in any particular office without taking a full election year off. The following table is provided for clarity.

Congregation Elects--	Board of Directors, Spiritual Life Team, and Christian Education Team Elects--	Terms of Office
Nine Board of Directors Members (approximately three per year)	Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Financial Officer (note: these are also the officers of the Congregation)	Three years, two full terms maximum without taking a year off. Apart from these limits, there is no limit on term of office for Officers.
Spiritual Life Team Members	Its Officers, including a Chairman who serves on Board of Directors	Three years, with no limit on the number of terms
Christian Education Team Members	Its Officers, including a Chairperson who serves on Board of Directors	Three years, two full terms maximum without taking a year off

E. Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, the Spiritual Life Team, or the Christian Education Team, the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor to serve the remainder of the elected term.

ARTICLE VIII - THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. Membership

The Board of Directors shall consist of eleven (11) members in total, nine (9) elected at-large from the Voting Membership, the Chairperson of the Spiritual Life Team, and the Chairperson of the Christian Education Team. The four Officers of the Board of Directors, elected annually by the

Board of Directors from the nine (9) at large members, shall be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Financial Officer (These four Officers are also the Officers of the Congregation. See Article V of the By-Laws). The Pastors and Principal shall be Advisory Members of the Board of Directors.

B. Duties

The duties of the Board of Directors shall be to:

1. establish the vision, direction, goals, and desired outcomes for the Congregation expressed in written policies;
2. monitor the performance of the Senior Pastor in accordance with established policies;
3. consider all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the Congregation which are not delegated to staff.

C. Meetings

1. The Board of Directors shall meet at least six times per year at a time and place determined by its Chairman.
2. The Senior Pastor, Chairman, or a majority of Board of Directors members may call special meetings of the Board of Directors by informing members of the time and place of such meetings at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance.

D. Quorum and Decisions

A majority of members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. Decisions of the Board of Directors will be made by a simple majority of those members present. The presiding Chairman shall not vote except in case of tie votes.

E. Committees

Since the Board of Directors is not a task group, it shall appoint through its Chairman as many committees as necessary to accomplish the work of the congregation.

ARTICLE IX - THE SPIRITUAL LIFE TEAM

A. Membership

Members of the Spiritual Life Team shall be called Elders. The number of Elders shall be determined by the Board of Directors, but shall be no fewer than twelve (12). Membership is restricted to male members of the Congregation (see Constitution Article VIII. B.). The Board shall annually elect its own officers.

B. Duties

The Spiritual Life Team, as an extension of the Pastoral Office, shall concern itself with assisting the pastor(s) with all matters concerning the spiritual welfare of the Congregation, counseling the pastor(s) in the practices of performing the responsibilities of the pastoral office, including proper worship life, the pastoral care of members, proper preaching and teaching of the Word of God in accord with doctrinal standard of Article III, Articles of Faith and Confessions, of this Constitution, and caring for the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of the pastors, staff, and their families. If problems arise in these areas, the Spiritual Life Team shall report them to the Board of Directors for appropriate action.

C. Meetings

The Spiritual Life Team shall meet as often as it determines necessary, but no less than quarterly.

D. Quorum and Decisions

A majority of the Elders shall constitute a quorum. Decisions of the Spiritual Life Team will be made by a simple majority of those members present. The presiding Chairman shall not vote except in case of tie votes.

E. Committees

The Spiritual Life Team shall appoint through its chairman as many committees as necessary to accomplish its work.

ARTICLE X – CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM

A. Membership

The number of members of the Christian Education Team shall be determined by the Board of Directors, but shall be no fewer than seven (7) and each member shall hold Voting Membership in the congregation. The Board shall annually elect its own officers.

B. Duties

The Christian Education Team, as an extension of the Office of School Principal, shall concern itself with assisting the Principal with all the educational functions of the Christian Day School to ensure that all the children enrolled learn the fundamentals of human knowledge in the context of their spiritual heritage as it centers on the redemptive act of Christ Our Savior. Secondly, the Team shall assist the Principal in providing the necessary auxiliary programs and activities for the physical and social well being of the students. Thirdly, the Team shall assist the Principal in providing any extended childcare functions of the congregation.

Meetings

The Christian Education Team shall meet as often as it determines necessary, but no less than quarterly.

D. Quorum and Recommendations

A majority of the members of the Team shall constitute a quorum. In its role of assisting the Principal, the Team may make formal recommendations to the Principal. These recommendations will be made by a simple majority of those members present. The presiding Chairperson shall not vote except in case of tie votes.

E. Committees

The Christian Education Team shall appoint through its chairperson as many committees as necessary to accomplish its work.

ARTICLE XI - INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent permitted by law, the Congregation shall indemnify its past and present Congregation Officials, their heirs, executors, and administrators, against any and all expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in the defense or settlement of any actual or threatened action, suit, or proceeding in which they, or any of them, are made a party by reason of their being or having been a Congregation Official, except in relation to matters in which such Congregation Official shall be adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding to have failed to act in good faith, or acted with gross or willful misconduct. The Congregation may purchase and maintain a Congregation Official liability policy insuring the Congregation and its individual Congregation Officials against the costs of defending a claim or paying a settlement or decision.

ARTICLE XII - CHANGING THE BY-LAWS

Amendments to the By-Laws may be adopted at a Congregation meeting, provided:

1. That they do not conflict with the provisions laid down in Article III, Articles of Faith and Confessions, of the Constitution or with any section of any other article that pertains to Scriptural doctrine and practice; and
2. That the proposed amendment is submitted in writing to the Board of Directors for review; and
3. That the Board of Directors shall then place the amendment on the agenda for first reading at a Congregation Meeting; and
4. That an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voters present is secured at that next Congregation Meeting.

ARTICLE XIII – Our Savior Lutheran Church Endowment Fund

The responsibilities of the Endowment Committee and the operating procedures, policies, administration, disposition of petitions, powers and responsibilities, distribution of income, and audit and report requirements of the Our Savior Lutheran Endowment Fund will be covered in a separate addendum to these By-Laws. Copies of this addendum are available in the Church Office.

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RECORD OF REVISIONS:

May 30, 2006:

- **Constitution Article VII:** first paragraph, “and who have been endorsed by and are members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.” added, as suggested by the Constitution Review Committee of the Michigan District.
- **By-Laws Article III:** The following sentence was deleted, “~~The Board of Directors shall appoint a Call Committee that will present candidates to the Congregation for filling open pastor, teacher, and other professional staff positions.~~” Points A. through D added, as suggested by the Constitution Review Committee of the Michigan District.

March 28, 2007:

- Changed “Board of Spiritual Life” to “Spiritual Life Team” and changed “Board of Christian Education” to Christian Education Team.”
- Changed “Administrative Pastor” to “Senior Pastor.”
- **By-Laws Article VI:** Deleted item D.3.
- **By-Laws Article VI. E.:** Clarified Senior Pastor’s duties relative to approval of contracts.
- **By-Laws Article X. B.:** Clarified language on the duties of the Christian Education Team.

December 1, 2008:

- **By-Laws Article II. C.:** Clarified the definition of a “quorum.”
- **By-Laws Article VII.B. 1.:** Modified the make-up of the Nominations Committee.

June 22, 2011:

- **By-Laws Article IX. E. and Article X. E.:** Clarified statement regarding “Committees.”
- **BY-Laws Article X. D.:** Changed heading to “Quorum and Recommendations” and clarified language.

September 21, 2014:

- **By-Laws Article VII.B.1.:** Modified the make-up of the nominations Committee.