

THE CONSTITUTION OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN MINISTRIES, LCMS, BRENTWOOD, CALIFORNIA

PREAMBLE

The Word of God demands that a Christian congregation not only conforms to the Word of God in doctrine and practice (Psalm 119:105, Galatians 1:6-8); it also states that all things be done decently and in order (I Corinthians 14:40). Therefore, we the members of Resurrection Ministries, set forth this constitution and bylaws to govern all our congregational affairs.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this congregation shall be Resurrection Lutheran Ministries, LCMS (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod), in Brentwood, California.

ARTICLE II: STATEMENT OF MISSION

It is the goal and purpose of this congregation to reach out and bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ through the dynamic worship of God, vigorous study of His Word, loving care for one another, and committed support of His work through the world. We summarize this mission with the phrase: *“Connecting People to Christ”*

ARTICLE III: CONFESSIONAL STANDARD

This congregation accepts the scriptures of the Old and the New Testament as the written Word of God and the only rule and norm of faith and practice all the Canonical Books of the Old and New Testaments as the revealed Word of God, verbally inspired; and it accepts all the three Ecumenical Creeds (Apostles, Nicene and Athanasian), the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, Catechism and the Formula of Concord. All preaching and teaching must be in accordance with the above, and all doctrinal controversies which may occur shall be decided in accordance with the same.

ARTICLE IV: DENOMINATION AFFILIATION

This congregation with its pastor(s) shall be members of the LCMS so long as the LCMS shall remain true to the confessional standard as set forth in Article III of this constitution.

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

There are three categories of membership in this congregation: (1) Baptized, (2) Confirmed and (3) Voting Members. The process of admitting new members and the process for terminating membership shall be set forth in policies established by the Board of Directors in accordance with the spirit of the constitution.

ARTICLE VI: CALLED CHURCH WORKERS

The called church workers of this congregation shall be conferred upon only such ministers and candidates as profess and adhere to the confessional standards set forth in Article III of this constitution, and who have been declared eligible by the LCMS. The called church workers shall, in the call extended to and accepted by them, be pledged to this confessional standard.

ARTICLE VII: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This congregation shall have such officers and boards as provided in its bylaws, in addition to any that the congregation shall establish from time to time.

ARTICLE VIII: SEPARATION/DISSOLUTION

All property of this congregation shall be held in the corporate name as stated in Article I. If at any time a separation should take place in this congregation, the property of the congregation and all benefits pertaining thereto shall remain with those members who shall continue to adhere to Article III and Article IV of this constitution. In the event of the dissolution of this congregation, all property of the congregation shall be disposed of by the final voters assembly for the payment of debts, and any and all surplus, after due settlement of just claims against this congregation, shall be conveyed to and become the property of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of the LCMS.

ARTICLE IX: BYLAWS

This congregation, through its voters assembly, may adopt such bylaws as the accomplishment of the purpose of this organization may demand.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

A. Amendments – Amendments to this constitution may be proposed in writing at any congregation meeting by any voting member. If the majority of the voting members present shall vote in favor of the proposal, a copy of such proposed amendment shall be made available to all voting members at least two (2) weeks preceding the next meeting. There upon the final vote shall be taken in that meeting, or at a duly publicized continuation of that meeting, and a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members present shall be required for adoption.

Upon adoption, such amendment shall be submitted to the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of the LCMS for approval in accordance with its bylaws.

B. Altering Articles – Changes to the following articles: Article III (Confessional Standard); Article VI (Called Church Workers) and this Article (XI B) shall only be affected by a super-majority (90%) of all voting members.