

Constitution and Bylaw Changes

From time to time congregations make changes to their constitution and bylaws.

If your congregation is in the process of making such changes, please note the following:

1) 2016 Handbook, Synod Bylaw 2.4.1

A congregation desiring to retain membership in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod shall continue to have a constitution and bylaws approved by the Synod.

(a) A member congregation which desires to revise its constitution and/or bylaws shall, as a condition of continued eligibility as a member of the Synod, submit a proposed revised constitution and/or revised bylaws to the district president.

(b) The district president shall refer such to the district constitution committee for review to ascertain that the provisions are in harmony with the Holy Scriptures, the Confessions, and the teachings and practices of the Synod.

(c) Upon advice of the constitution committee and recommendation by the district president, the district board of directors shall determine if the changes are acceptable to the Synod.

(d) Upon favorable action by the district board of directors, the congregation shall be notified that the changes are acceptable to the Synod, and the congregation may proceed with formal adoption of the revised constitution and/or bylaws and remain a member in good standing of the Synod.

(e) Upon formal adoption of the proposed revised constitution and/or bylaws, the congregation shall provide to the district a dated copy of the action taken, accompanied by a copy of the dated revised constitution and bylaws.

(f) Until a congregation formally adopts a revised constitution and/or bylaws using this process, the Synod shall consider the existing constitution and bylaws to be in effect for all purposes.

2) The Committee needs a copy of the OLD and NEW version of the documents which you are submitting. Please provide a cover letter with a ***detailed list of changes** made to the old version. *(If electronically available then this would be fine, please make sure proposed changes are noted in the document itself—colored font, italics, bold or underlined.)

Mail the items for review to: Rocky Mountain District LCMS office, 14334 E. Evans Avenue, Aurora, CO 80014.
Email submissions are accepted as well.

****3)** While the congregation's documents are being reviewed by the Committee, the congregation is to continue operating under their previously RM BOD approved constitution and bylaws.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.
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Congregation Name: _____ Constitution Bylaw/Approved on File: _____