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**LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION**  
of the  
**Lower Susquehanna Synod of the**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

**Article I. NAME AND AFFILIATION**

The name of this official auxiliary shall be LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION of the LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD. It shall be a member of the Lutheran Men in Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**Article II. PURPOSE**

Through a Synod-wide organization, to enable, promote, and support local congregational LMM organizations in the following endeavors:

1. To help the men of the ELCA to grow in spiritual knowledge and to do the will of our Lord Jesus Christ,
2. To afford men the opportunity for spiritual growth and development of an evangelical attitude through prayerful meditation and study of the word,
3. To win men to Christ and to bring back to the church those who have become inactive,
4. To further the effectiveness of our church through enlisting, organizing and training a fellowship of working churchmen who will under-gird the mission of the ELCA.

**Article III. MISSION**

1. This organization shall support and strengthen the witness of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, and shall promote its activities and programs.
2. This organization shall seek to aid in the spiritual, intellectual and social development of the men of the church, and to deepen their commitment to Christ.
3. This organization shall identify and support independent projects and programs that will enhance and support the Lower Susquehanna Synod's outreach in south-central Pennsylvania.
4. This organization shall support the programs of the ELCA Lutheran Men in Mission.

#### **Article IV. MEMBERSHIP**

1. Any Lutheran Men in Mission unit of a congregation of the ELCA, located in the Lower Susquehanna Synod, may be a member of this organization.
2. Active membership in this LMM organization is any congregational unit that functions within this constitution and bylaws and makes an annual financial contribution of record to this organization.
3. An Associate Membership will be made available to any individual who's congregational unit is not organized, who supports this organization and makes an annual financial contribution to this organization. An Associate Member does not have the right of vote, but if his congregation does not have a unit, he may affiliate with another congregation's unit with all rights and responsibilities of membership.

#### **Article V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of eight (8) members elected from at least four distinct geographic areas of the Synod. At the Annual Assembly of each successive year, four (4) Directors shall be elected. Directors shall take office on the first day of the fiscal year. Vacancies existing from time to time will be filled by the Board for the period of the unexpired term. There shall be no limit on the number of terms an individual may serve as Director.
2. Normally, the Board of Directors shall meet quarterly. These meetings will be scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Special meetings may be called by the President or the Executive Committee as needed.

#### **Article VI. OFFICERS**

1. The officers of this organization shall be elected from, and be members of, the Board of Directors. They shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The terms of office shall be for a period of one (1) year and until their successors take office. They shall be elected by the Board of Director and the election shall take place by secret ballot at the first board meeting of the new fiscal year. There shall be no limitation on the consecutive terms of an Officer, except that no person shall hold the office of President for longer than two (2) consecutive full terms. National Delegates shall be selected as described in the National Lutheran Men in Mission constitution.
2. The Officers shall carry out the duties normally assigned to their offices and should respond to special requests as a result of actions of the church-wide LMM organization. In addition, the Officers and Board members should be available to meet with local LMM units when the request is appropriate. The President shall also appoint Chairman of the Standing Committees.

## **Article VII. COMMITTEES**

1. There shall be an Executive Committee made up of the Officers, along with the Synod Bishop or the Bishop's representative. The Executive Committee shall be responsible to act on all business of the organization between Assemblies.
2. Other committees shall be developed as the need arises. As these committees become Standing Committees, their Chairman shall come from the Board of Directors and be appointed by the President.
3. As needed, Select Committees may be appointed from time to time by the President at the direction of the Board of Directors with powers, duties and composition as may be designated by the Board.

## **Article VIII. CONFERENCE UNITS**

1. Conference Units may be formed as the need arises, and will be supported by this Constitution.

## **Article IX. ASSEMBLY**

1. The Annual Lower Susquehanna Synod LMM Assembly in session shall be the highest authority of this organization. The Assembly shall be held at a time and place determined by the Executive Committee with concurrence by the Board of Directors. Written notice shall be sent to each active member Congregational Unit and each Associate Member at least thirty (30) days before the Assembly.
2. Delegates shall be voting members of the Congregational Units and shall be selected by the Congregational Units. Those delegates present shall constitute a quorum. Delegates shall elect the Board members, receive reports from the Officers and Committee Chairman, adopt a budget and conduct any other business. Nominations from the floor will be accepts for Board positions, and the four (4) persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. Representatives to the Church-Wide LMM Assembly shall be elected according to the Church-Wide LMM Constitution.
3. Included during the Assembly shall be time for Worship, Business, Education, Inspiration and Fellowship.

## **Article X. FINANCES**

1. Financial support for this organization shall be by free-will offerings at events and from contributions from congregational LMM units and Associate Members. The ministry of the Church-Wide LMM shall be supported through these offerings and contributions.
2. Expenses incurred by Delegates to Church-Wide LMM Assemblies may be paid by this organization.

## **Article XI. AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Assembly in session. All proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee no less than sixty (60) days and to the Active Member Congregations no less than thirty (30) days before the Assembly that will act on the amendment, and not be in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws.