

Voters Assembly – January 8th, 2023

Agenda Items

Voters Assembly Action:

Call for Pastor

The **Call Committee** recommends calling Candidate Brennan DeForest from Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne (CTSFW) to serve as pastor.

The following resolution is proposed:

Whereas, the duly elected Call Committee has studied both processes available to fill the vacancy of pastor of the church, i.e.

- 1. Directly call a rostered LCMS pastor*
- 2. Request the assignment of a pastor from a seminary*

Whereas, the Call Committee has identified Candidate Brennan DeForest as a suitable seminary candidate (after reviewing his background, listening to one of his sermons and conducting an eighty minute interview with the candidate and his wife through a Zoom conference), and

Whereas, the Call Committee members are in unanimous agreement as to this candidate's suitable qualifications,

Therefore, be it Resolved that the Voters Assembly call Candidate Brennan DeForest from Concordia Seminary, or in the event that he is not available, to ask the Board of Assignments (Council of [District] Presidents) to assign a suitable alternative.

Furthermore, if this call is unsuccessful, be it resolved that the Voters Assembly authorizes the Call Committee to identify a suitable, rostered LCMS pastor.

Voters Assembly Action:

Assignment of Lay Voter

The Synod will elect its president on June 17, 2023. Our church is required to designate a pastoral voter and a lay voter who will cast votes on behalf of our congregation. Our pastoral voter will be Pastor Jordan.

The **Church Council** requests that Fred Sherman be designated as the lay voter.

Voters Assembly Action:

Stewardship Duties Shifted

The **Church Council** recommends the following changes to the Bylaws to adjust for the previous removal of the Stewardship Committee.

Current Bylaws / Recommended Change

SECTION VII – ADMINISTRATION OF CHURCH FUNDS

7.04 Mission Endowment Trust Fund: The purpose of this fund is to receive gifts and bequests and to use the interest earned from them for the mission and ministry of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, its districts, seminaries, colleges, institutions or agencies. At least annually the ~~Stewardship Committee~~ **Church Council** shall make the grants. (The principal shall always remain intact.) The fund shall be invested in accordance with Section 7.06 of these Bylaws. This fund shall continue to exist as long as the congregation does. If Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church ceases to exist the fund will be terminated in accordance with Article IX of the Constitution.

7.06 Financial investment of the Mission Endowment Trust Fund and the Scholarship Endowment Trust Fund are to be invested by a committee of the following: President, ~~Chairman of the Board of Stewardship~~, and the Financial Manager ~~Secretary~~. Investments shall be approved by the church council before being completed.

Voters Assembly Action:

The Term *Elder* Replaced with *Deacon*

The **Board of Elders** recommends changing the Bylaws to replace the term of *Elder* with *Deacon*. If this change is approved the *Board of Elders* will now be referred to as the *Board of Deacons*.