

Voters Assembly

January 8, 2023

Redeemer Lutheran Evangelical Church
Chico, California



Agenda

- Opening Prayer (Pastor Jordan)
- Roll Call & Confirmation of Quorum (Jerry Brandt)
- Pastor's Report (Pastor Jordan) – No report
- President's Report (Fred Sherman) – No report
- Unfinished Business - 1 item (Fred Sherman)
- New Business - 5 items (Fred Sherman)
- Closing Prayer (Pastor Jordan)
- Adjournment (Fred Sherman)

Unfinished Business:

Approve the Minutes from the Nov 13, 2022 Voters Assembly (1/1)

Summary of Voter Assembly Minutes: Nov 13, 2022

- Approved modifications to the Constitution & Bylaws
 - Standardized the term of office for officers & board members to one year
 - Eliminated the Board of Stewardship
 - Codified that a Pastor Emeritus will be a member of the Evangelism Committee
 - Elected a slate of officers and board members for 2023
 - Elected members of a Call Committee
 - Approved the proposed 2023 budget
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- *Motion to approve the minutes?*

New Business

Call for Pastor (1/5)

The Call Committee asks the congregation to approve the following actions:

- Issue a Call to Candidate **Brennan DeForest** from the seminary
- If he is not available, then ask the Council of Presidents assign a **suitable, alternative seminarian**
- If one is not available, then authorize the Call Committee to identify a **suitable, rostered LCMS pastor**
- *Refer to resolution on next page*
- *Motion to approve the actions?*

- 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**.

New Business

Assignment of Lay Voter (2/5)

The Church Council requests that Fred Sherman be designated as the lay voter for LCMS presidential election.

- The Synod will elect its president on June 17, 2023.
- Need 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.
- *Motion to approve the designation?*

New Business

Change to Bylaws – Shift Stewardship Duties (3/5)

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** shall make the **grants**.

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**Current Bylaws / Recommended Change*

- *Motion to approve the change?*

New Business

Change to Bylaws – Shift Stewardship Duties (4/5)

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**Current Bylaws / Recommended Change*

- *Motion to approve the change?*

New Business

Change to Bylaws – Replace the term *Elder* with *Deacon* (5/5)

The Board of Elders recommends changing the Bylaws to replace the term of *Elder* with *Deacon*.

- The change will occur in multiple places in the Bylaws
- If this change is approved the *Board of Elders* will now be referred to as the *Board of Deacons*.
- *Motion to approve the change?*

Closing Prayer & Adjournment