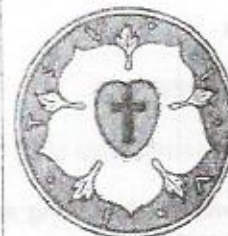




Coming Together as One

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA



ELCSA STUDENT ORGANIZATION CONSTITUTION

Part I: THE NATURE OF THE ORGANIZATION

CHAPTER 1

1.1 Name

The name of the Organization shall be known as the Student Organization of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, hereinafter referred to as ELCSASO.

CHAPTER 2

2.1 STATUS

ELCSA Student Organization is constituted according to the provision of the Constitution of ELCSA

CHAPTER 3

3.1 MOTTO

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" Romans 8:35

PART II: MISSION

CHAPTER 1: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 To win others for Christ.
- 1.2 To help, co-ordinate, inspire, lead and direct its members in the institutions.
- 1.3 To encourage students to serve God effectively.
- 1.4 To share experiences and to reflect deeply upon the Christian faith in relation to daily life.
- 1.5 To develop each other in body, mind and spirit.
- 1.6 To strive for values of justice, peace, freedom and righteousness as embodied in the Word of God.
- 1.7 To develop a spirit of ecumenism as long as such does not infringe upon the teachings of ELCSA.
- 1.8 To meet at least once a week to pray and to help one another with the Word of God;

PART III: MEMBERSHIP

CHAPTER 6: DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

- 6.1 Disciplinary/appeal/dispute/mediation matters shall be dealt with by the Councils under which the Organization operates.

CHAPTER 7: ELECTION

The following applies to all levels:

- 7.1 All office bearers shall be elected from among full members at all levels as follows:
- The branch Committee shall be elected from amongst the members of the Organization at the branch meeting.
 - The Regional Committee shall be elected from amongst the members of the branch Committees at the Regional Conference.
 - The Churchwide Committee shall be elected from amongst the Regional Committee members at the Churchwide Conference.

CHAPTER 8: Election shall be done by secret ballot.

- 8.1 Elections shall be conducted at the following gatherings:
- Branches shall have their elections at their branch meeting.
 - Regional, and Churchwide shall have their elections at their Conferences
- 8.2 Members elected shall hold office for a period of two years.

PART IV: STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION

CHAPTER 1: BRANCH LEVEL

1. BRANCH MEETING

- 1.1 The branch meetings shall be held at least once per quarter.
- 1.2 All registered members of the Organization shall have the right to attend the meeting at branch level.
- 1.3 The branch meeting shall elect the branch Committee.

2. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

- 2.1 The committee shall be nominated and elected from amongst members of the branch attending the meeting.
- 2.2 Office bearers shall be the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and two additional members.
- 2.4 To form a quorum at least half the number of members plus one including the Chairperson, or in his/her absence the Vice Chairperson, or in his/her absence the Secretary shall be present. In the event of none of the aforementioned office bearers being present, no meeting shall be held.
- 2.5 The Pastor-in-charge shall be ex-officer of the league.

CHAPTER 2: REGIONAL LEVEL

1. REGIONAL CONFERENCE

- 1.1 ELCSASO shall have a regional Conference once a year.
- 1.2 All branches Committee members, ten (10) delegates from each branch shall constitute the regional conference.
- 1.3 The regional Conference shall elect the regional Committee.
- 1.4 Voting delegates shall be the branch Committee members and all delegates attending the Conference.

2. Members of the Committee

- 2.1 The committee shall be nominated and elected from amongst members of the branch Committees.
- 2.2 Elected office bearers shall be the Director, Deputy Director, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer who shall be the Executive Committee.
- 2.3 Additional members of the Committee shall be all branch Chairpersons and branch Secretaries.
- 2.4 To form a quorum at least half the number of members plus one including the Director, or in his/her absence the Deputy Director, or in his/her absence the Secretary shall be present. In the event of none of the aforementioned office bearers being present, no meeting shall be held.
- 2.5 The Bishop shall be the ex-officio member of the Organization in the regional.

3. MEETINGS

- 3.1 The regional Committee shall meet at least twice per year.
- 3.2 Extraordinary meetings shall be called if necessary by the Director in consultation with the Executive Committee and the Bishop.

4. Duties of the Committee

The committee shall:

- 4.1 Shall be responsible for the co-ordination, organization and functioning of the Organization in the region.
- 4.2 Be responsible for the life and work of the Organization in the region.
- 4.3 Prepare and plan meetings of the committee, conference and its agenda.
- 4.4 Co-ordinate the work in the various branches of the region.
- 4.5 Give a written report at the regional conference and diocesan synod which shall include an audited financial statement. A copy shall be sent to Churchwide committee. All reports shall embody constructive ideas and suggestions arising from activities of different groups: The report shall be signed by the Director, Secretary, Treasurer and Bishop.
- 4.6 Control funds and properties of the Organization in the region in conjunction with the finance and Planning Committee. The account books shall be audited by the Diocesan

- 2.5 To form a quorum at least half the number of members plus one including the Director-General, or in his/her absence the Deputy Director-General, or in his/her absence the Secretary shall be present. In the event of none of the aforementioned office bearers being present, no meeting shall be held.

3. MEETINGS

- 3.1 The Churchwide Committee shall meet once a year.
- 3.2 Extraordinary meetings shall be called if necessary by the Director General in consultation with the Executive Committee and the Presiding Bishop.

4. DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

Duties of the committee shall:

- 4.1 Be responsible for the co-ordination, Organization and functioning of the Organization at Churchwide level.
- 4.2 Be responsible for the life and work of the Organization at Churchwide level.
- 4.3 Co-ordinate the work in all regions at Churchwide level.
- 4.4 Establish and maintain Ecumenical relationships.
- 4.5 Give a written report at the Churchwide Conference and General Assembly which shall include an audited financial statement. All reports shall embody constructive ideas and suggestions arising from activities of different groups. The report shall be signed by the Director General, Secretary General, Treasurer General and the Presiding Bishop.
- 4.6 Scrutinize and approve the motions sent by different regions.
- 4.7 Prepare the budget of the Organization in consultation with the finance and planning committee
- 4.8 Control funds and properties of the Organization at Churchwide in consultation with the finance and planning committee. Inventory of property shall be sent to the General Secretary and other church official's concerned biennially.
- 4.9 Organize workshops and seminars in order to strengthen the Organization to undertake projects and programs at all levels.

5. THE PRESIDING BISHOP

The Presiding Bishop shall be the spiritual leader of the Organization at Churchwide level.

He/she shall:

- Officially open and close all meetings and conferences held at Churchwide level
- Officiate at elections, induct committee members and
- Have the right to attend all meetings and Conferences at Churchwide level.

CHAPTER 2: OCCASIONS FOR DONNING UNIFORM

2. Members should wear the uniform on the following days/events:
- 2.1 On days of prayer meetings;
 - 2.2 At Holy Communion Services;
 - 2.3 At church festivals excluding music festival
 - 2.4 At memorial and funerals of the deceased members of the Organization, Church Servants, Elders, members of other Leagues
 - 2.7 On occasions of
 - The installations of new members
 - Re-registration of members
 - Induction of Church Servants
 - Ordination of Pastors
 - Consecration of Bishops
 - Dedication of new Church building

PART VI: AMENDMENTS

CHAPTER 1: AMEMNDMENTS


- 1.1 Proposed amendment/s of this constitution shall be submitted to the Churchwide ELCSASO Committee in writing six months prior to the Churchwide Conference.
- 1.2 Such proposed amendment/s shall be circulated to the Dioceses within three months prior to the Churchwide Conference.
- 1.3 The two-third majority of the voting members shall approve the proposed amendment/s.
- 1.4 The General Assembly shall have the final decision on all amendment/s.

CHAPTER 2: DISSOLUTION

- 2.1 Should the organization be dissolved, its properties shall remain the properties of the church.

SIGNING

Signed for on behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa Student Organization (ELCSASO)



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