

CONSTITUTION of WMCLB

(Approved 5-27-2003)

MARKED UP FOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO BE VOTED ON 2020

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be ~~the~~ Women's Ministries of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren (WMCLB).

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF FAITH

Women's Ministries of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren (WMCLB) adheres to the Statement of Faith of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren (CLB) as it may be amended from time to time. The current version of the Statement of Faith as of the date of the printing of this document is as follows:

ICLB STATEMENT OF FAITH WILL BE MOVED FROM BYLAWS AND WILL FOLLOW IN ITS ENTIRETY

ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to encourage the women in:

- Studying the Bible, individually and in groups, thereby growing in faith;
- Supporting the Mission of the CLB in North America and internationally, both in prayer and giving;
- Serving our Neighbors where we live and work and pointing them to Christ;
- Sharing our Lives, as sisters in Christ, with each other and with those who don't know Him.

~~ARTICLE II. PURPOSE~~

~~The purpose of this organization shall be:~~

- ~~• To call women to a living faith in Christ.~~
- ~~• To encourage, equip and edify all women of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren for ministry, service and fellowship on the local, district, national and international levels.~~
- ~~• To provide mission support for the ministries of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren.~~

~~ARTICLE III~~ ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Any woman who regularly attends a ~~Lutheran Brethren~~ CLB Church or a church affiliated with the ~~Church of the Lutheran Brethren~~ CLB is considered a member of the ~~Women's Ministries of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren~~ WMCLB. Only a woman who is a member of a ~~Lutheran Brethren~~ CLB Church or a church affiliated with the ~~Church of the Lutheran Brethren~~ CLB is entitled to ~~a~~ vote at the ~~annual~~ WMCLB convention Convention.

~~ARTICLE IV. ANNUAL CONVENTION~~

~~The convention of the Women's Ministries of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren shall be held annually.~~ **THIS WILL BE REMOVED AND BYLAWS WILL GOVERN**

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Officers of the ~~Women's Ministries of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren~~ WMCLB shall be: Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected at the WMCLB Convention on a rotating basis. ~~for a three-year term with one position being voted on per year in a rotating order.~~ All officers shall be elected by ballot, and a simple majority shall constitute election. Only

professing Christians who are members of a ~~Lutheran Brethren Church~~ CLB church and in full agreement with our Statement of Faith may be elected to a ~~national office~~ WMCLB office.

ARTICLE VI. WMCLB ~~MINISTRY LEADERSHIP~~ TEAM (WMLT)

The ~~National Women's Ministry Team of the Women's Ministries of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren~~ WMCLB Leadership Team (WMLT) shall consist of the Admin Team (the three elected officers), the ~~current Women's Ministries of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren District Presidents~~ Advisory Team (as defined in the Bylaws), and the Director of Women's Ministries (DWM). Others may be appointed by the DWM for specific assignments. All members of the WMLT shall be professing Christians who are members of a CLB church and in full agreement with our Statement of Faith

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

This ~~constitution~~ Constitution or its ~~bylaws~~ Bylaws may be altered or amended at the ~~annual~~ eConvention of the ~~Women's Ministries of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren~~ WMCLB by a two-thirds vote, provided the proposed changes or amendments have been presented at the previous ~~WMCLB convention~~ Convention or at all of the previous year's Regional Biennial Conventions.

Amendments to the Bylaws may also be voted upon at the WMCLB Convention if, after approval by the WMCLB Leadership Team (WMLT), the proposed changes will have been published in the CLB print or website publications at least one month preceding the WMCLB Convention.

~~The bylaws also may be changed if submitted to and approved by the National Women's Ministry team who will have published the proposed changes in the Church of the Lutheran Brethren synodical publication in two issues preceding the annual WMCLB convention.~~

ARTICLE VIII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings of this organization where this Constitution and by-laws are silent.

ARTICLE IX. DISSOLUTION STATEMENT

Upon dissolution of Women's Ministries of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren, the assets of the organization shall be deeded over to the Church of the Lutheran Brethren.

[THIS STATEMENT HAS BEEN MOVED TO CONSTITUTION FROM BYLAWS]