

Trinity Lutheran Church
511 South Fifth Street
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**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS
OF THE CONSTITUTION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

- C. 12 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL I (Page 1 of Current Bylaws)– Addition to introductory statement:

The term of office for elected members of the Congregation Council shall begin at the first Council meeting following the Annual Congregational Meeting. (Special Council Meeting – December 19, 2001)

- C. 12 III STANDING COMMITTEES (Page 9 of Current Bylaws)
Change **Christian Education Committee** to Children and Families Committee with the following description:

The Children and Families Committee will oversee, plan and implement programming and ministry for children (Birth to Grade 6) and their families.

The responsibilities of the Committee would include the following :

- Church School
- Teacher Education
- Vacation Bible School
- Baptism Classes
- Parenting Classes
- Early Childhood Classes/Events
- Social/Community Building Events
- Church Library
- Nursery
- Rainbow Bags
- Camp

This change will result in a more wholistic look at children and the ministry that would be done with them and their families, rather than separating out Church School which is but one of the ways that the Church can be involved in their lives.

To accomplish these goals, the Committee shall:

- A. Strive for a minimum membership of six (6) persons.
- B. Work in consultation with the Christian Education Coordinator and the assigned pastor. (Council Minutes - March 13, 2001)

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C.12 III Addition of **Adult Education Committee** to Standing Committees - (Page 4 of Current Bylaws) with the following description:

The Adult Education Committee shall provide and encourage opportunities for Adult (confirmed) members of Trinity to increase their understanding and commitment to the Christian faith as understood within the Lutheran tradition.

To accomplish this objective, the Adult Education Committee shall:

- A. Strive for a minimum of six (6) members who shall serve two year terms and rotate such that one-half of the members are elected each year.
- B. Oversee, provide for, and support and encourage adult education opportunities within Trinity in cooperation with pastoral staff.
- C. Provide for Adult Forum opportunities on a regular basis.
- D. Recommend purchases of materials to the Church Library Committee.
- E. Coordinate and creatively plan for special education events aimed at adults at Trinity, such as classes, workshops, retreats, speakers, etc.
- F. Submit a budget annually to the Church Council.
(Council Minutes – November 11, 2001)

C.12 X (Page 5 of Current Bylaws) **Standing Committee** members shall be elected to two year staggered terms and may serve two consecutive two year terms. This shall not include members appointed to partial terms, nor shall it preclude being elected to serve at a later time on the same or different Standing Committee. Members shall not serve on more than one Standing Committee at a time. Newly elected members will take office at the first committee meeting following the annual congregational meeting. (Council Minutes – September 11, 2001)

C. 13 (Page 6 of Current Bylaws) **Staff Support Committee** to be eliminated as the Constitution states that this function may be fulfilled by the Executive Committee (C13.03) (Council Minutes – November 11, 2001)

C. 13 (Page 8 of current Bylaws) **Personnel Committee**: The Executive Committee shall act as the Personnel Committee and may appoint up to three additional members, if the need arises.