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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE
WALTHER LEAGUE OF FIRST EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Article I -- Name

The name of this Society shall be the Walther League of First Lutheran Church of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Article II -- Objects

In conformity with the objects of the International Walther League, the objects of this Society shall be:

1. To assist, through the Society and under the auspices of the respective congregation and the leadership of the Pastor, in keeping our young people within the church.
2. To promote systematic study of the Bible and constant growth in Christian knowledge.
3. To assist in training every individual member for a life of Christian service.
4. To assist the Pastor in serving fellow Lutherans who are traveling and who are away from home.
5. To further love for, and to assist in increasing active participation in the mission work of our church, both at home and abroad.
6. To foster Christian love and fellowship, and to provide material for wholesome recreation.
7. To encourage the support of charitable endeavors within the Lutheran Church.
8. To promote loyalty to the Christian home.
9. To help organize and maintain societies.
10. To unite all young people's Societies within the Synodical Conference into one body and thus establish a closer outward union among them.

Article III -- Membership

1. Any confirmed member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as recommended by the committee on membership is eligible to active membership in this Society.
2. Honorary members shall be individuals who have not been confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, but who have been of particular benefit to the Society. They must be elected unanimously.

3. If the report of the Membership Committee regarding a proposed member is favorable, the latter becomes a member of the Society upon taking the Walther League Pledge and signing the Constitution of the Society.

Article IV -- Duties and Privileges of Members

Members shall conduct themselves as Christians, be active in all affairs of the Society, pay dues regularly, and attend all meetings.

Article V -- Officers and Committees

The officers of this Society shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

These officers, together with the Pastor and Chairman of the Department of Christian Growth, and Chairman of the Membership Committee, shall constitute the executive board.

Article VI -- Election of Officers

Election of officers shall take place in the first of May business meeting.

The president shall appoint a nominating committee of three (3) members in the first March business meeting.

The nominating committee shall present a list of candidates, two (2) for each office, in the first April business meeting. In this meeting additional names may be offered as candidates by any active member of the Society, after which the proposed list of candidates shall be closed.

The nominating committee shall prepare a ballot for the first May business meeting, each active member receiving a ballot. The members of the nominating committee shall serve as tellers and announce the result of the election.

Active members only, who have been members of the Society for at least six (6) months, shall be eligible for office and shall be elected for a term of one (1) year.

Officers elected in the May meeting shall be installed in, and begin their term of office with the first June business meeting.

Election to fill vacancies for the unexpired term may be held at any regular meeting of the Society.

Election of officers shall take place in this order: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and chairman of Christian growth.

Article VII -- Duties of Officers and Committees

The president shall preside at all meetings, shall enforce all

rules and regulations of the Society, and cooperate with all appointed secretaries and committees in the furtherance of the Society's objects.

The secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings at all meetings, shall send out all necessary notices. Keep an accurate record of all members of the Society, receive and answer all correspondence, shall furnish the officers of the International and the District League all desired information, shall promptly convey to the Society all communications of the League's officers, shall have charge of the subscription lists of and be the correspondent for the Walther League Messenger and the Concordia Junior Messenger.

The treasurer shall collect all dues, shall receive all other money for the Society, shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements, shall pay all bills approved by the Society and shall render monthly reports and an annual report.

The chairman of Christian growth shall arrange a program of Christian knowledge, service, and training in accordance with the International program for this department. He shall especially foster Bible study leadership training, topic studies, mission study and all cultural activities in the Society. He shall supervise and direct the missionary endeavors, recreation, publicity, and welfare activities in the Society.

The membership committee shall endeavor to gain new members, shall call upon members that are negligent in attendance, and shall visit and report sick members.

With the approval of the Executive Board, the chairman of each department may appoint committees or staff officers to assist in any particular division of his department.

Article VIII -- Dissolution

This Society shall not be dissolved as long as five (5) members desire its continuance. In case of dissolution all property of the Society shall be given in charge of the Trustees of the Church.

Article IX -- Resignations

Any member wishing to resign shall submit to the membership committee a written resignation, which shall be acted upon in the next regular meeting.

Article X -- Changes or Amendment of the Constitution

This constitution may be amended or changed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Society at any regular business meeting, provided notice of the proposed change or amendment has been given in the previous meeting.

By-Laws

Article I -- Meetings

The regular meetings shall be held at the request of five (5) members, or at the call of the president.

Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail insofar as they do not conflict with the Constitution of this Society.

Article II -- Dues

Dues shall be paid on a proportionate basis, each member paying according to his ability and desire. Dues are payable at the first meeting of each month.

Article III

One-third (1/3) of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article IV -- Order of Business

Call to order
Hymn
Roll call
Welcoming of visitors
Reading of minutes
Communications
Treasurer's report
Enrolment of new members
Report of Department of Christian Growth
Message from Pastor or other representative of congregation
Unfinished business
New business
Collection of dues
Adjournment with prayer

Article V

The By-Laws may be suspended or amended by three-fourths (3/4) vote of the members present and in case of the order of business a majority may suspend.