

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers

Section 2a: Strike “Growth” and insert “Life.”

Rationale: To update for consistency with national LWML structure and practice.

Existing bylaws read:

Section 2

The Vice President of Christian Life may perform the duties of the office of the President, in the absence of, or at the request of the President, and shall;

- a. serve as chairman of the Christian Growth Committee;

Conforming amendments: Article VII Section 2b., Article XIII Section 3d., Article XIV Section 1a, Article XIV Section 4 and 1a.

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ARTICLE XIV – Standing Committees

Section 3a5.: Strike this line.

Rationale: To comply with current LCMS World Relief structure which is monetary gift acceptance, and to clarify for our district.

Existing bylaws read:

- a. The Mission Service Committee shall:
 1. inform women of the District about projects they can prepare in the home or church to provide comfort and the basic necessities to those who are in need;
 2. be alert to crisis situations in this country and around the world, and encourage women of the District to help supply provisions for those who have immediate basic survival needs;
 3. plan and coordinate the ingathering for the District conventions;
 4. provide information to members regarding ingatherings for the LWML convention, and give instructions on how to complete projects for ingatherings when necessary;
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ARTICLE XIV – Standing Committees

Section 4 b. 2. and b. 3: Strike these lines.

Rationale: These practices are outdated and do not reflect current practice. Current practice is providing resources through offering an LWML Store at district events and through the district website under the “Resources” tab.

Existing bylaws read

- b. The Christian Materials Coordinator shall:
 - 1. inform members of a variety of resources suitable for use by individual members and for use at women's activities and events;
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ARTICLE XVII – Mission Grants

Section 1 a. and d. 5: Strike “boards” and insert “Offices.”

Rationale: To conform to current national LWML Bylaws.

Existing bylaws read:

Section 1

- a. Mission grant proposals may be submitted by LWML members, societies, and LCMS boards.
- b. Proposals in the correct number of copies must be submitted, along with the same number of supporting documentation, in a manner requested by the Vice President of Gospel Outreach.
- c. Proposals for all mission grants shall be submitted to the Vice President of Gospel Outreach by August 31 in the odd-numbered years.
- d. Proposals for all mission grants shall:
 1. be mission-oriented in emphasis, extending the ministry of the Word;
 2. be consistent with the doctrine and tenants of the LCMS;
 3. be current and ready for implementation;
 4. fit into the plans and projections of the LCMS Southern District if proposed mission is to be implemented within the said District;
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