

Confessional Lutherans for Christ's Confession Working Group Report (by Gene White)

As unofficial spokesman for the Working Group, I first would like to introduce the original members, and as I do so, ask those present to stand. Rev. Andrew Simcak, Rev. Al Jeske, Rev. Robert Jarvis, Rev. Steve Brockdorf, Rev. Thomas Queck, Deaconess Betty Mulholland, Ginny Valteau, David Lord, and myself.

I would like to publicly thank them for their work and involvement in the creation of this organization we have come to know as CLCC. It was this working group that hung in there after the January 16, 2008, meeting in Ft. Wayne, IN, to bring us to this point. Several members of that Working Group are also running for office, a couple more would like to, but can't. This group has worked hard to bring CLCC to the level of maturity that enables us all to be here today. Ginny and I have served as Secretary and Treasurer, Pro Tem, respectively, for the past two months to help make this happen. Email is a wonderful thing.

I would like to briefly recap what has taken place:

1. The Constitution has matured to being provisionally adopted, including an email vote. Final adoption will be today.
2. The Bylaws have been developed and coordinated and if deemed mature, will also be adopted today.
3. An accounting system has been set up to track finances in a professional way.
4. CLCC has been incorporated as a non-profit corporation in the State of Oregon, where the checking account is located.
5. It has an IRS EIN assigned.
6. Paperwork is progressing with the IRS to file as a 501(c)3 organization. This is an expensive, but necessary process. This is being handled by a lawyer, as was incorporation.
7. Pre-convention elections for the 10 elected positions has been completed, final voting will be accomplished today.
8. We have provided documentation to anyone requesting it and have taken advantage of news releases to *Christian News*.
9. We have established a general mailing list for those interested in CLCC, who have, as yet, not become members. That list holds over 100 names.
10. Thanks to member David Schulz we have a basic web site designed and a provider identified. Once the Board of Directors authorizes the expenditure of funds it will proceed.
11. We have a draft letterhead designed and is awaiting a decision on motto and logo, which will also be used on the web site. Good work from Linda Jeske on the letterhead and logo design.
12. Ginny Valteau and Betty Mulholland have put our convention preparation, registration and materials together. Thanks, ladies.

That is my report. Any questions?

Now the torch is passed to the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee to perform the responsibilities and functions laid out in the Constitution. They also have the responsibility to appoint the first members of the Board of Congregational Services. That board will carry out the important work of our teaching efforts. There is much to do and a small number of volunteers to carry out this important work. We have provisions for augmenting our supporting staff with volunteers should the need arise. Ladies and gentlemen, the torch has been passed.

At this time the working group is disbanded with our hearty thanks for their hard and productive work. Thank you.

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