

Constitution of University Lutheran Church of Hope

Chapter 6. Church Affiliation

6.3 This congregation acknowledges its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in which:

- a. This congregation agrees to be responsible for its life as a Christian community.
- b. This congregation pledges its financial support and participation in the life and mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- c. This congregation agrees to call pastoral leadership from the clergy roster of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or the Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries roster in accordance with its call procedures except in special circumstances and with the approval of the bishop of the synod.
- d. This congregation agrees to consider associates in ministry, deaconesses, and diaconal ministers for call to other staff positions in the congregation according to the procedures of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries.-
- e. This congregation agrees to file this constitution and any subsequent changes to this constitution with the synod for review to ascertain that all of its provisions are in agreement with the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or with the constitution of the Synod.

Chapter 9. The Pastors

9.2 Only a member of the clergy roster of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or a candidate for the roster of ordained ministers who has been recommended for the congregation by the synodical bishop, or a member of the Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries roster, may be called as a pastor of this congregation.

Chapter 13. Amendments

13.3 Any amendments to this constitution that result from the processes provided in 13.1 and 13.2 shall be sent by the secretary of the congregation to the synod. The amendment shall become effective within 120 days from the date of the receipt of the notice by the synod ~~unless the synod informs the congregation that the amendment is in conflict with the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, or the constitution of the synod.~~