

Annual Meeting of the Laestadian Lutheran Church
AGENDA

July 3, 2021

Date/time: Saturday, July 3, 2021 10:00 a.m. CDT

Location: Laestadian Lutheran Church office (online with remote attendees)
212 W 3rd St, Monticello, MN 55362

Items/Att:

- 1 Opening Hymn, Prayer, Devotion
- 2 Call Meeting to Order
- 3 Greetings
- 4 Approval of Minutes
- 5 – Op Pln **2022 LLC Draft Operating Plan**
- 6 2022 Membership Dues
- 7 Election of LLC Board Members
- 8 Future LLC Summer/Winter Services
- 9 Reports from Delegates: Unfinished Business, New Business
- 10 Adjournment, Closing

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Item 1: Opening

Meeting convenes at 10:00 a.m. CDT
Opening hymn: SHZ #160
Devotion: Peter Kuopus
Hymn: SHZ #187
Hymn: SHZ #140 *Saints of God*, sung in memory of all believers who have gone to rest during the past year.

Item 2: Call Meeting to Order: *Jim Frantti*

The Annual Meeting of the Laestadian Lutheran Church (LLC) will be held online on Saturday, July 3, 2020, 10:00 a.m. CDT originating from the Laestadian Lutheran Church office, 212 W 3rd St, Monticello, MN 55362.

From LLC Bylaws, Article II, Section 5:
The number of Delegates selected by each member congregation to attend the Annual Meeting is determined as follows: 1 to 49 members in the congregation – one (1) Delegate
50 to 99 members in the congregation – two (2) Delegates
100 members and over in the congregation – three (3) Delegates
Three Delegates is the maximum allowed any one congregation.

Congregation Delegates:

Congregation delegates will sign in on a preprinted registration form prepared from advance notification of current delegates to the LLC by member congregations in accordance with LLC Bylaws, Article II, Section 5. Such registration constitutes the official congregation representation at the Annual Meeting and is used as the basis for determining satisfaction of quorum requirements.

Selection of officers for meeting:

Chairmen (2):
Secretaries (2):
Proofreaders (2):
Ballot committee (2):
Translators:

Approval:

Item 3: Greetings

Greeting from Finland: *SRK*
Greeting from Sweden: *SFC*

Other greetings:

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Item 4: Minutes of July 4, 2020, Annual Meeting

The Minutes of the July 4, 2020, LLC Annual Meeting were emailed to member congregations on September 10, 2020. The proofreaders conveyed their approval of the minutes as written on August 24, 2020.

Proposal: Approve the minutes as written and submitted to member congregations on September 10, 2020.

Discussion:

Decision:

Item 5: 2022 LLC Draft Operating Plan

The Operating Plan covers progress and plans on the work of the Church, especially new items to bring to the attention of the membership and to receive input from delegates. It is important to remember that much work is ongoing and important but cannot all be noted in this Plan. The office staff and Board will continue in a variety of ways to keep the membership informed of the ongoing work of the Church.

See attachment: Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; (Matt. 6:33))

2022 Laestadian Lutheran Church Operating Plan

(Proposed Plan – 2021 LLC Annual Meeting)

Discussion / Delegate Input:

Support for 2022 LLC Draft Operating Plan:

Action item: Approve 2020 financial statements

Action item: Approve 2022 proposed budget

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Item 6: 2022 Membership Dues

“Member congregations are obligated to pay the annual membership fee determined by the members or their Delegates at the Annual Meeting of the LLC” (LLC Bylaws, Article II, Section 1). The dues obligation is a congregation obligation, and congregations use a variety of methods to collect funds from their individual members.

Locally established dues guidelines cover both the LLC dues and the needs of the local congregation. It is a common practice to set a minimum dues level to be a congregation voting member, along with a recommended dues level to cover both local and LLC commitments.

The LLC established practice is that the local congregations pay LLC dues based on the number of voting members reported at their local congregation annual meeting. It is much appreciated that some congregations have even been able to pay LLC dues based on the number of adults, 18 years and over, regardless of local congregation membership.

Current Dues:

- \$34 (USD) per member per month, \$408 per member per year
- Student: 50% of the above membership dues

LLC Board recommendation: The Board recommends no dues increase for 2022.

The current dues rate was approved by the July 4, 2020, Annual Meeting and became effective January 1, 2021.

Discussion:

Decision:

Item 7: Election of LLC Board Members

Terms of the following LLC Board Members are due to expire in 2021:

**Western
At-Large
Midwestern area
Midwestern Area
Eastern**

**John Stewart
Steven Haataja
George Koivukangas
Keith Waaraniemi
Peter Kuopus**

At-Large Positions: By decision of the LLC Board of Directors at its July 2, 2020, meeting, each At-Large Board position will remain assigned to its current LLC area.

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Discussion:

Decision:

Item 8: Future Summer/Winter Services

2022 Western, Longview, location TBD	July 1-4, 2022 (Fri-Mon)
2023 Midwestern, Northern MN, Silver Springs	June 29 - July 2, 2023
2024 Midwestern, Monticello, Silver Springs	July 4-7, 2024
2025 Midwestern, Saskatchewan, TBD	July 3-6, 2025
2026 Midwestern, Elk River, Silver Springs	July 2-5, 2026
2027 Eastern, Toronto, TBD	July 1-4, 2027

The Board asks that all requests for hosting Summer Services be submitted to the LLC Board in writing. In turn, the Board will coordinate these requests and suggest the location of Summer Services to the Annual Meeting for the coming years.

Informational: Year 2022 Events

- 2022 LLC Phoenix Winter Services – March 17-20, 2022
- 2022 LLC Summer Services Western, Longview) – July 1-4, 2022

Item 9: Reports from Delegates

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Discussion to move LLC Summer Services away from the July 4th weekend

Option A: Continue holding LLC Summer Services on, or around, the 4th of July weekend.

Option B: Move LLC Summer Services one week after the 4th of July weekend (in most years this would also be one week after SRK Summer Services).

Item 10: Adjournment, Closing

Meeting adjourn time and motion:

Closing prayer and Benediction:

Closing hymn: SHZ #331