

- be inducted by the Bishop and shall be eligible for re-election.
- 10.4.3 The Director shall convene all League meetings of the Diocese.
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- 10.4.5 The Director and or his deputy can be removed from office by the Diocesan Conference.
- 10.4.6 The Director shall lead the League affairs in the Diocese.
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- 10.4.8 The Director shall perform any other duties within his powers and shall be answerable to the Diocesan Council.
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- 10.5 ELCSA
- 10.5.1 The Presiding Bishop shall convene a meeting of all Diocesan delegates every two years.
- 10.5.2 At the meeting, the ELCSA Executive shall elect its own chairman and recording secretary. These shall be called, Director General and Secretary General. They remain in office for two years, they shall programme for the biennial meeting of ELCSA Executive. They shall represent the League when called upon to do so by the Church Council.
- 10.5.3 This ELCSA Executive shall co-ordinate all work in ELCSA and advise Church Council.
- 10.5.4 The Presiding Bishop shall be an ex-officio member of the ELCSA Executive.
- 10.5.5 The ELCSA Executive shall meet every two years or when called upon by the Church Council.
- 11 Meetings, Conventions, Conferences
- 11.1 Where two or more are gathered to form a League within a congregation, this shall be accepted as a congregational branch.
- 11.2 Such a branch shall meet at least once a week for bible study and other matters.
- 11.3 The Parish Executive has to meet at least once in six months.
- 11.4 Parish conference shall meet at least once in six months.
- 11.5 The Circuit Executive shall meet at least twice a year.
- 11.6 The Circuit Conference shall be held at least once a year.
- 11.7 The Diocesan Committee shall meet at least once a year.
- 11.8 The Diocesan Executive shall be held at least three times a year.
- 11.9 The Diocesan Conference shall be held at least once after every year.
- 11.10 The ELCSA Executive shall be held once every two years.
- 11.11 Should the need arise, extra ordinary meetings could be called.
- 11.12 Quorum
- 11.12.1 Congregational quorum to be decided by the congregant League.
- 11.12.2 Parish quorum to be decided by the Parish League.

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- 11.12.5 ELCSA quorum is three dioceses.
- 11.13 Conference Delegation
- The ELCSA is three members per Diocese. All other voting conference delegations to be five members per unit. Attendance of non-voting members to be decided by the respective bodies concerned.
- 11.14 When a quorum is formed, decisions taken shall be binding.
- 11.15 The Director in Executive, negotiates with the Bishop in Council.
- The Circuit Leader negotiates with the Dean in Circuit Council. The Parish Organiser negotiates with the Pastor in Parish Council. The Congregational Leader negotiates with the Pastor in Congregational Council.
- 11.16 Meetings shall be called by the Executives.
- 12 Finances
- 12.1 The League shall have finances of its own as an association.
- 12.2 The League collects and safe-keeps monies in the name of ELCSA Men's League.
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- 12.4 Monies and property collected in the name of the League are property of the League. In case of dissolution, all monies and properties of the congregation League becomes the monies and properties of the respective congregations.
- 12.5 The League collects monies and acquires property by means of registration fees, donations, special effort, conference, registration, journeymen's funds, pledge fees, fine fees, etc.
- 12.6 Audited financial records shall be submitted to and by Executive regularly and to conference and Diocesan Council regularly.
- 12.7 All books of the League shall be audited by the respective church offices.
- 12.8 The Treasurer is allowed to keep petty cash of not more than R20.00 otherwise all monies should be banked.
- 12.9 The annual subscription fee per year per member will be R3.00 any other collection or money raising shall be left to the lawful discretion of the body concerned.
- 12.10 Fines shall be a minimum of 50c.
- 13 General
- 13.1 In order to settle disputes which weaken the League, the Evangelical Lutheran Man is expected to intervene.
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- 13.3 The Executive shall take decisions on disciplinary measures subject to ratification by conference.
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 - 13.4.1 Opening divine service.
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his rights and privileges of the League and use of the brooch which is the property of the League.

5.9 He who has forfeited his rights and privileges can be reinstated after being restored as communicant.

5.10 Membership shall terminate in consequence of death or written willful resignation or verbal declaration.

5.11.1 Grey Trousers. 11.2 White Shirt. 11.3 Black Tie. 11.4 Black Blazer. 11.5 Black Shoes. 11.6 Badge 11.7 Brooch.

5.12 Membership entails the wearing of uniform at the following occasions:

5.12.1 During official meetings

5.12.2 During executive meetings

5.12.3 During rallies.

5.12.4 During conferences

5.12.5 During induction of church workers

5.12.6 During church festivals

5.12.7 At burial of church workers and League members (Men) and other League members.

5.13 As a sign of honour and gratitude, honorary members may from time to time be elected.

5.14 The Deans and Bishops shall be ex-officio members of the League.

6. Installation

6.1 Installation shall declare a man a member of the League.

6.2 Installation shall be performed by a Pastor who shall be assisted by Leaders of the league and according to the order of the service drawn up for the purpose without any deviation such as blessing of uniforms.

7. Installation shall confer upon its members the rights, duties and privileges of the League.

7.1 The league will be led by the following office bearers: a) Chairman and his deputy.

b) Secretary and his deputy.

c) Treasurer

d) Two additional members

7.2 The Executive Committee shall be elected when the church has declared a year of election and they may be re-elected.

7.3 The quorum of the Executive will be four.

7.4 These apply to the congregation, parish, circuit and diocese levels.

8. Designations

8.1 The Chairman will be designated as follows:

a) At congregation level will be called - The Chairman.

b) At parish level will be called - The Organiser

c) At circuit level will be called - The Leader

d) At diocese level will be called - Director

e) At church level will be called - Director General, and their deputies will be provided.

9. Powers, Functions and Duties

The respective Executive Committee shall exercise such powers and perform such functions and duties which are expressly or impliedly provided for in the aims and objects of this Constitution. In the event of any doubt, recourse shall be heard to the ELCSA Constitution and its by-laws.

10. Executives

10.1 Congregations

10.1.1. The congregation meeting of the League shall elect the congregation executive during the election year declared by the Church. Any member of the executive may be replaced should circumstances warrant such an action.

10.1.2 In the congregation every member of the League has his duties rights and privileges.

10.1.3 Every League member has a duty to initiate activities and to test spirits and mature his faith.

10.1.4 League members should have fellowship with one another.

10.1.5 League members should enter into binding agreements only after consultation, discussion, negotiation and consensus.

10.1.6 The congregational executive shall report regularly to the Congregational Council.

10.2 Parish

10.2.1 The Parish Conference convened by the Parish Pastor shall elect the Parish Executive.

10.2.2 The Parish Organiser and his deputy shall be inducted into office by the Parish Pastor. The Parish Organiser shall organise the League in the parish.

He shall be the chairman of the Parish League, Executive meetings Conference and rallies. He shall report regularly to the Parish Council and to the Circuit leader.

He may be suspended by the Parish Conference which elected him, should circumstances warrant such an action.

10.2.3 The Parish Executive shall run all the affairs of the League in the parish.

10.2.4 The Parish Organiser shall represent the Men's League at the Parish Level.

10.2.5 The Parish Executive shall control membership of the League in the Parish, arrange installations, organise rallies and conferences, initiate projects, pledges, supervise Bible studies and shall perform any other relevant duties.

10.3 Circuit

10.3.1 The Dean of the Circuit convenes the conference to elect Circuit Officials who shall form the Circuit Executive.

10.3.2 The Dean is an ex-officio member of the Circuit Executive and acts as an advisor.

10.3.3 The Chairman leads all the League affairs in the Circuit. He can intervene in Parish matters subject to ratification by the Executive.

10.3.4 Any member of the Executive can be suspended from office by the Dean if circumstances warrant such an action.

10.3.5 Any member of the Executive can be removed from office by the Circuit conference which elected him.

10.3.6 The Circuit Executive has to watch over the interests of the League in the Circuit and to report to the Diocesan Executive.

10.3.7 The Circuit Executive may organise a General Executive composed of the elected Circuit Executive, Chairman, secretaries and treasurers of the Parishes.

10.4 Dioceses

10.4.1 The Director, his deputy and leaders from the Circuits shall constitute the Diocesan Committee.

The Committee shall elect other office bearers from amongst its members.

10.4.2 The Director and his deputy who shall be elected by the Diocesan Conference convened by the Bishop during the election year declared by the Church, shall

and the Secretary shall furnish the Diocesan Music Committees with the proposed amendment for their consideration and comment.

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Par 13 Interpretation of Terms

All interpretational questions shall be finally resolved by ELCSA.

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4 Aims:

4.1 To encourage men to study the word of God.

4.2 To encourage men to serve the Lord more actively and to organise themselves into the league that shall be a nucleus of Men's activities in the ELCSA.

4.3 To bring to Christ unbelievers, reawaken the backsliders and to win back the lapsed.

4.4 To encourage, strengthen and comfort the sick, suffering and bereaved.

4.5 To be an example to the congregation and society in good conduct and christian living.

4.6 To encourage men to use their God-given gifts in church and society.

4.7 To encourage the spirit of ecumenism as long as this does not violate the teaching of ELCSA.

4.8 To conscientise men to the challenges, problems and opportunities in christian life.

5 Membership

5.1 Foundation members should be the men who are Pastors or Officers in ELCSA or congregation elders by registration.

5.2 All men, young and old who are full members of the church can become members of the league by registration.

5.3 Men who were not confirmed at the usual age who have been touched by the word can apply for membership while they are still preparing themselves for confirmation.

5.4 Membership is indicated by registration fees, annual subscriptions, pledges, project money, all according to directives of the League.

5.5 New members shall serve a period of probation not less than three months. During this period they should acquaint themselves with the provisions of the Constitution of the League.

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