

Constitution and By-Laws Proposed Changes for Westwood Lutheran Church

Summer 2022

Dear Westwood Congregation,

We hope this letter finds you and your family and friends well and that you are enjoying the beautiful weather God has blessed us with this summer.

To bring our Church's governance into the 21st century and to prepare for the upcoming pastoral transition at Westwood, the Church Council recently reviewed Westwood Lutheran Church's Constitution and By-Laws. The Council, in coordination with Westwood member and practicing attorney, Karl Cambronne, is proposing changes to the Constitution and By-Laws that allow meetings and votes of the Congregation, the Council, or committees to be conducted in-person or remotely through technology. These changes effectively enfranchise and empower the members of the congregation.

The Council is providing a detailed summary of the changes and reasons on this web page, along with a copy of our Constitution & By-Laws with these changes noted: westwood.church/constitution-update. Copies can also be requested through the Church office.

We hope that you find the summary of the proposed changes helpful to understanding how the Constitution would be modified. As a congregation, we will vote on the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws on Sunday, September 18th, between services.

Should you have questions or comments on the proposed changes, we welcome the conversation. Please reach out to a member of the Church Council (list found below in the signature).

Thank you,

Westwood Lutheran Church Council

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