

CONSTITUTION
NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT LUTHERAN TEACHERS' CONFERENCE
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD
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Article I – Purpose of the Conference

Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior, has charged His Church with the responsibility of teaching all nations the Good News of Salvation. To this mission and ministry all Christians have been called. Within His Church, Christ has called individuals of special talent and training to serve in the full time ministry of teaching.

Out of a firm to the ministry of the Gospel and out of a felt need to improve their individual and collective ability to serve the Lord and His Church, the teachers of the Northern Illinois District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have bound themselves together into a body known as the **Northern Illinois District Lutheran Teachers' Conference (NIDLTC)**.

The NIDLTC exists to serve the needs of its member teachers, member schools, and the Church-at-large. To this end, it seeks to attain the following goals:

1. To improve the level of professional performance of its individual members.
2. To encourage professional growth as educators and ministers of the Gospel on the part of its members.
3. To provide a forum for the consideration of concerns facing the ministry of the Church and the profession of Christian education.
4. To facilitate Christian fellowship among the members of the conference.

Christ has sent His followers into ministry, saying, "Go ye and teach all nations." In order to better their abilities to minister, the teachers of the Northern Illinois District join together into the NIDLTC.

Article II – Membership in the Conference

Regular members of the conference include teachers and administrators who are serving Lutheran schools in the NID. Also included, as regular members of the conference will be teachers and administrators who are serving Lutheran elementary schools of the English District of the LC-MS which are located within the boundaries of the NID.

Regular members of the conference will consider it their duty to attend the annual meeting of the conference. They bear the responsibility of supporting the activities of the conference

through the payment of conference fees. The privilege of voting is extended only to regular members for the conference elections and business meetings. Only regular members may hold elected and appointed offices within the conference.

Article III – Meeting of the Conference

This conference will meet each school year when there is no LEA convocation. The selection of the dates and place will be delegated to the District Staff.

Article IV – Elected Officers of the Conference

Section A – Conference Elections

Officers will be elected by a paper or popular ballot at the conference. Volunteers will be sought as advisory support.

Section B – Conference Planning Committee

The officers of the conference will be: the chairperson, the secretary, the financial secretary, the chairperson of the arrangements committee, the chairperson of evaluations, the chairperson of the program committee, and the chairperson of the worship committee. These officers will compose the planning committee for the conference. The Planning Committee will meet throughout the year to plan the conference, conduct the business of the conference, and consider any resolutions submitted to the conference. Members of the planning committee have the privilege of voting at planning committee meetings. The Northern Illinois District Mission Facilitator for Schools or School Services Coordinator shall serve as chairperson of the program committee, all committees of the conference, and be invited to attend all meetings related to the NIDLTC.

Section C – Terms of Office

Elected officers of the conference will serve for a term of three conferences as follows:

Secretary, Arrangements Chairperson, and Program Chairperson – 3 years

Financial Secretary, Evaluations Chairperson, and Worship Chairperson – 2 years

Article V – Process for Considering Resolutions

The Planning Committee:

1. Collects and reviews, at least four (4) weeks in advance of the annual conference, all resolutions submitted to the conference.
2. Publishes all resolutions for consideration at the conference.
3. Presents all resolutions for consideration to the conference.

Article VI – Special Committees

Special committees may be appointed by the chairperson of the conference to meet special needs.

Article VII – Process of Amending the Constitution

Any amendment to the Constitution must be submitted to the Planning Committee four weeks prior to the conference. The Planning Committee reviews the proposal amendment. The amendment is presented to the conference in written form.

Acceptance of an amendment requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present in the conference business meeting. The vote on the amendment is taken by paper ballot and/or popular vote.

Article VIII – Process for Ratifying the Constitution

A special Constitution Committee, appointed by the Mission Facilitator for Schools prepares a new Constitution and submits it to the conference planning committee. The conference planning committee publishes and distributes the new Constitution to the schools of the conference prior to the conference via NID Communications Department. Members of the conference vote on ratification of the Constitution. The vote on the ratification is taken by ballot/popular vote. Ratification requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the vote as determined by the chair.

Article IX – Implementation of the Constitution

The implementation of the Constitution will become official following the conference at which the ratification is announced.

Article X – Closing of Financial Books

An accounting of activity for the conference fund will be provided by the NID Business Office annually as of January 31.

Article XI – Volunteer Committee Members

Following the election of the committee chairs for arrangements, program, evaluations, and worship, they will seek out and secure one or two volunteers to assist them with the required tasks of that committee.