



*Growing Together in Christ*

# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA



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## ELCSA YOUNG ADULTS LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

### Part I: THE NATURE OF THE ORGANIZATION

#### Chapter 1

##### 1.1 NAME

The name of the League shall be the Young Adults League of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, hereinafter referred to as ELCSA YAL.

#### Chapter 2

##### 2.1 STATUS

ELCSA YAL is constituted in accordance with the provisions made for it in the Constitution of ELCSA.

#### Chapter 3

##### 3.1 MOTTO

"I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me." Philippians 4:13

### Part II: MISSION

#### Chapter 1

##### 1. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 To maintain a developing faith in God that is reinterpreted, strengthened, and expanded as a result of increasing contact with the realities of life.
- 1.2 To become a witness of Jesus Christ, as a servant by words and deeds, in faith with love and hope in God.
- 1.3 To bring innovative partnerships with Ecumenical Organizations.
- 1.4 To deepen our understanding of the significance of the Word of God, the Sacraments and Worship.
- 1.5 To utilize the intellectual and professional skills contained in the League towards the growth and the development of the Church.
- 1.6 To realize the worth of every individual despite his/her gender, race and abilities.
- 1.7 To participate creatively in the various worship services provided for in the Church.
- 1.8 To accept responsibility for adult leadership and service in the Church and for Christian Stewardship in supporting it.

1.9 The League members at Congregational Level shall hold weekly prayer meetings.

### **PART III: MEMBERSHIP**

#### **CHAPTER 1: MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEAGUE**

1.1 Membership shall be opened to ELCSA Congregants from the age of 35 years.

1.2 All members shall subscribe annually

1.3 The subscription fee shall be determined by the Churchwide Young Adult League Conference.

#### **CHAPTER 2: PROBATION**

2.1 New members shall be inducted after a probation period of six months

#### **CHAPTER 3: INSTALLTION**

3.1 The day of installation shall be decided upon by the Congregational Committee in consultation with the Pastor-in-charge and inform the Parish Committee.

3.3 The installation service shall be performed in a divine service by a Pastor, who shall be assisted by the members of the Young Adult League Committee.

3.4 There shall be a service of re-registration and re-commitment at the beginning of each year conducted by a Pastor.

#### **CHAPTER 4: LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP**

4.1 Any member who is found guilty of misconduct or is under Church discipline or who violates the constitution of the League shall forfeit the right and privileges of the League.

4.2 Any member who has forfeited the right and privileges of the League may be reinstated after Absolution.

#### **CHAPTER 5: DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

5.1 Disciplinary/appeal/dispute/mediation matters shall be dealt with by the Councils under which the League operates.

#### **CHAPTER 6: ELECTION**

7.1 The Electorate at each level of the League shall elect the Executive Committee during the election year declared by the church.

7.2 All nominations and elections shall be by secret ballot on a one member one vote basis

7.3 The Officer in charge at a particular level shall oversee the elections.

7.4 Nomination of members for election to the prescribed portfolios shall precede the election for each portfolio.

7.5 In the event of a tie in the election for a particular position, voting for those involved in the tie shall be immediately repeated to settle the impasse.

7.6 In the event of a member resigning from an Executive position into which he was duly elected, the General Executive Committee shall nominate persons from among its membership and vote for one of them as a replacement.

- 7.7 If such a motion is carried by the conference the election process shall be initiated and executed in terms of the prescribed procedures of the Constitution to find a replacement during the same conference.
- 7.8 The Executive Committee members shall hold office for a period of six years.
- 7.9 Any member elected within a term to fill a vacancy in the executive committee shall hold office only for the remaining part of the six year term.

## **PART IV: STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION**

### **Chapter 1: CONGREGATIONAL LEVEL**

#### **1. CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

- 1.1 The Congregational meetings shall be held at least once per quarter.
- 1.2 All registered members of the League shall have the right to attend the meeting at Congregational level.
- 1.3 The Young Adult League Congregational meeting shall elect the Congregational Committee.
- 1.4 Voting delegates shall be all League members constituting the Congregation.

#### **2. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

- 2.1 The committee shall be nominated and elected from amongst members of the Congregational group attending the meeting.
- 2.2 Office bearers shall be the chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary, vice secretary, treasurer and two additional members.
- 2.3 Where membership of the Congregational group is less than ten, assistant officials and additional committee members shall not be elected.
- 2.4 To form a quorum at least half the number of members including the chairperson, or in his/her absence the vice chairperson, or in his/her absence the secretary shall be present. In the event of none of the aforementioned office bearers being present, no meeting shall be held.
- 2.5 The Pastor-in-charge shall be ex-officer of the league.

#### **3. MEETINGS**

- 3.1 The Congregational Committee meetings shall be held once per quarter.
- 3.2 Extraordinary meetings shall be called if necessary by the chairperson in consultation the Executive and the Pastor-in-charge.

#### **4. DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE**

##### **The Committee shall:**

- 4.1 Be responsible for the co-ordination, organization and functioning of the League in the Congregation;
- 4.2 Discuss and plan the activities of Congregational group.
- 4.3 Inform the Congregational Council about those who wish to join the League

- 4.4 Explain the constitution to the probationers. In case of small groups, this should be done by members of the Parish committee;
- 4.5 Advise fellow-members who lead a life unbecoming of a Christian and thus violate the constitution of the league and the church;
- 4.6 See to it that attendance and subscription register are kept and that a roll call is taken at the end of the weekly meeting;
- 4.7 Give annual written reports which shall include audited financial statements;
- 4.8 Control funds and property of the league in conjunction with the finance and planning committee;
- 4.9 Scrutinize motions to be presented to the Parish meeting.
- 4.10 Refer unresolved matters to the Parish Committee.

## **5. The Pastor-in-charge**

The Pastor shall be the spiritual leader of the League at Congregational Level

He/she shall:

- Officially open and close all meetings held in the Congregation
- Officiate at elections and inductions of Committees, and
- Have the right to attend all meetings of the League as an ex-officio member.

## **6. THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

### **6.1 The Congregational Committee shall have a standing committee on finance.**

- 6.2 The committee shall be composed of the vice chairperson; Treasurer and two other members of the YAL at Congregational level with requisite skills. The finance and planning committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Secretary from amongst its members. The Pastor-in-charge shall be an ex-officio member of the committee.
- 6.3 The Finance and Planning Committee members shall hold office for a period of six [6] years.
- 6.4 The Finance and Planning Committee shall be responsible to the Congregational Committee.

## **CHAPTER 2: PARISH LEVEL**

### **1. PARISH MEETING**

- 1.1 The Young Adult League shall have a Parish meeting once per quarter.
- 1.2 All registered members of the League shall have the right to attend the meeting at Parish level.
- 1.3 The Young Adult League Parish meeting shall elect the Parish Committee.
- 1.4 Voting delegates shall be all League members constituting the Parish.

### **2. PARISH COMMITTEE**

## **Members of the Committee**

- 2.1 The committee shall be nominated and elected from amongst all the members of the Congregational Committees.
- 2.2 Office bearers shall be the chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary, vice secretary, treasurer and two additional members.
- 2.3 To form a quorum at least half the number of members plus one including the chairperson, or in his/her absence the vice chairperson, or in his/her absence the secretary shall be present. In the event of none of the aforementioned office bearers being present, no meeting shall be held.
- 2.4 The Pastor-in-charge shall be ex-officer of the league.

## **3. Meetings**

- 3.1 The committee meetings shall be held once per quarter.
- 3.2 Extraordinary meetings shall be called if necessary by the chairperson in consultation the Executive and the Pastor-in-charge.

## **4. Duties of the Committee**

### **The Committee shall:**

- 4.1 Be responsible for the co-ordination, organization and functioning of the League in the Parish.
- 4.2 Organize quarterly meetings of the Parish Committee and prepare the agenda;
- 4.3 Refer unresolved matters to the Circuit Committee.
- 4.4 Give a written report which shall include an audited financial statement at the annual Parish meeting and to the annual Circuit Conference;
- 4.5 Control funds and property of the league in conjunction with the finance and planning committee;
- 4.6 Scrutinize motions to be presented to a Circuit Conference
- 4.7 Fill vacancies which may occur in any of the offices;
- 4.8 See to it that the aims, objectives and constitution of the league are observed faithfully and effectively in the parish;

## **5. The Pastor-in-charge**

The Pastor-in-charge shall be the spiritual leader of the league at Parish level.

He/she shall:

- Officially open and close all meetings held in the Parish
- Officiate at elections and inductions of committees
- Have the right to attend all meetings of the League as an ex-officio member

## **6. THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

- 6.1 **The Parish Committee shall have a standing committee on finance.**

- 6.2 The committee shall be composed of the vice chairperson, treasurer and two other members of the YAL at Parish level with requisite skills. The finance and planning committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Secretary from amongst its members. The Pastor- in charge shall be an ex-officio member of the committee.
- 6.3 The Finance and Planning Committee members shall hold office for a period of six [6] years.
- 6.4 The Finance and Planning Committee shall be responsible to the Parish Committee.

### **CHAPTER 3: CIRCUIT LEVEL**

#### **1. CIRCUIT CONFERENCE**

- 1.1 The Young Adult League shall have a Circuit Conference once a year.
- 1.2 All registered members of the League shall have the right to attend the Circuit Conference.
- 1.3 The Young Adult League Circuit Conference shall elect the Circuit Committee.
- 1.4 Voting delegates shall be the Parish Committee members and ten (10) delegates from each Parish.

#### **2. Members of the Committee**

- 2.1 Office bearers shall be the chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary, vice secretary, treasurer and two additional members.
- 2.2 To form a quorum at least half the number of members plus one including the chairperson, or in his/her absence the vice chairperson, or in his/her absence the secretary shall be present. In the event of none of the aforementioned office bearers being present, no meeting shall be held.
- 2.3 The Dean shall be the ex-officio member of the league.

#### **3. Meetings**

- 3.1 The Circuit Committee shall meet at least twice per year.
- 3.2 Extraordinary meetings shall be called if necessary by the chairperson in consultation the Executive and the Dean.

#### **4. Duties of the Committee**

##### **The committee shall:**

- 4.1 Be responsible for the co-ordination and functioning of the League in the Circuit;
- 4.2 Plan and draw the agenda for the meetings of the committee;
- 4.3 See to it that the aims, duties, objectives and the constitution of the league are carried out faithfully and effectively in the circuit;
- 4.4 Arrange revivals, conferences, workshops, seminars and meetings with the assistance of church servants in the circuit;
- 4.5 Control funds and properties of the league in conjunction with the finance and planning committee;
- 4.6 See to it that all financial books of the league in the circuit are audited;
- 4.7 Give a written report to the annual Circuit Conference which shall include an audited financial

statement;

4.8 Scrutinize all motions to be presented to the Diocesan Conference;

4.9 Fill vacancies which may occur in any of the offices;

## **5. The Dean**

The Dean shall be the spiritual leader of the league in the circuit.

He/she shall:

- Officially open and close all meetings and conferences held in the Circuit
- Officiate at elections, induct committee members and
- Have the right to attend all meetings and Conferences in the Circuit.

## **6. THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

6.1 The Circuit Committee shall have a standing committee on finance.

6.2 The committee shall be composed of the vice chairperson; treasurer and two other members of the YAL at Circuit level with requisite skills. The finance and planning committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Secretary from amongst its members. The Dean shall be an ex-officio member of the committee.

6.3 The Finance and Planning Committee members shall hold office for a period of six [6] years.

6.4 The Finance and Planning Committee shall be responsible to the Circuit Committee.

## **CHAPTER 4: DIOCESAN LEVEL**

### **1. DIOCESAN CONFERENCE**

1.1 The Young Adult League shall have a Diocesan Conference biennially.

1.2 All Diocesan Committee members, all Circuit Committee Members and five(5) delegates from each Parish.

1.3 The Young Adult League Diocesan Conference shall elect the Diocesan Committee.

1.4 Voting delegates shall be Circuit Committees and all delegates attending the Conference.

### **2. Members of the Committee**

2.1 The committee shall be nominated and elected from amongst members of Circuit Committees.

2.2 Elected office bearers shall be the Director, Deputy Director, Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and Treasurer who shall be the Executive Committee.

2.3 Additional members of the Committee shall be all Circuits' Chairpersons and Circuits' Secretaries.

2.5 To form a quorum at least half the number of members plus one including the Director, or in his/her absence the Deputy Director, or in his/her absence the Secretary shall be present. In the event of none of the aforementioned office bearers being present, no meeting shall be held.

2.6 The Bishop shall be the ex-officio member of the League in the Diocese.

### **3. MEETINGS**

- 3.1 The Diocesan Committee shall meet at least twice per year.
- 3.2 Extraordinary meetings shall be called if necessary by the Director in consultation the Executive and the Bishop.

### **4. Duties of the Committee**

The committee shall:

- 4.1 Shall be responsible for the co-ordination, organization and functioning of the league in the diocese
- 4.2 Be responsible for the life and work of the league in the diocese
- 4.3 Prepare and plan meetings of the committee, biennial conference and its agenda
- 4.4 Co-ordinate the work in the various circuits of the diocese
- 4.5 Give a written report at the diocesan conference and diocesan synod which shall include an audited financial statement. A copy shall be sent to Churchwide committee. All reports shall embody constructive ideas and suggestions arising from activities of different groups; The report shall be signed by the chairperson, secretary, treasurer and bishop.
- 4.6 Control funds and properties of the league in the diocese in conjunction with the finance and planning committee. The account books shall be audited by the diocesan auditors annually. Inventory of property shall be sent to the diocesan executive secretary and other church official's concerned biennial.
- 4.7 Scrutinize all motions to be presented to the Churchwide Young adult League Conference;
- 4.8 To fill vacancies in any one of the offices;
- 4.9 Organize workshops and seminars in order to strengthen the league to undertake projects at all levels;

### **5. THE BISHOP**

The Bishop shall be the spiritual leader of the league in the Diocese.

He/she shall:

- Officially open and close all meetings and conferences held in the diocese
- Officiate at elections, induct committee members and
- Have the right to attend all meetings and Conferences in the Diocese.

### **6. THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

- 6.1 The Diocesan Committee shall have a standing committee on finance.
- 6.2 The committee shall be composed of the Deputy Director; treasurer and two other members of the YAL at Diocesan level with requisite skills. The finance and planning committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Secretary from amongst its members. The Bishop shall be an ex-officio member of the committee.
- 6.3 The Finance and Planning Committee members shall hold office for a period of six [6] years.



6.4 The Finance and Planning Committee shall be responsible to the Diocesan Committee.

## **CHAPTER 5: CHURCHWIDE LEVEL**

- 1.1 The Young Adult League shall have a Churchwide Conference biennially.
- 1.2 All Diocesan Committee members and fifty (50) delegates from each Diocese.
- 1.3 The Young Adult League Churchwide Conference shall elect the Churchwide Committee.
- 1.4 Voting delegates shall be the Diocesan Committee's, and ten (10) delegates from each Diocese.

### **2. Members of the Committee:**

- 2.1 Office bearers shall be nominated and elected from amongst members of the Diocesan Committees.
- 2.2 Office bearers shall be the Director-General, Deputy Director-General, Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General and Treasurer-General who shall be the Executive Committee.
- 2.3 Additional members shall be the Directors of Dioceses and their Secretaries.
- 2.5 To form a quorum at least half the number of members plus one including the Director-General, or in his/her absence the Deputy Director-General, or in his/her absence the Secretary shall be present. In the event of none of the aforementioned office bearers being present, no meeting shall be held.

### **3. MEETINGS**

- 3.1 The Churchwide Committee shall meet twice a year.
- 3.2 Extraordinary meetings shall be called if necessary by the Director General in consultation with the Executive and the Presiding Bishop.

### **4. DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE**

#### **Duties of the committee shall:**

- 4.1 Be responsible for the co-ordination, organization and functioning of the League at Churchwide level.
- 4.2 Be responsible for the life and work of the League at Churchwide
- 4.3 Co-ordinate the work in all Dioceses at Churchwide
- 4.4 Establish and maintain Ecumenical relationships.
- 4.5 Give a written report at the Churchwide Conference and General Assembly which shall include an audited financial statement. All reports shall embody constructive ideas and suggestions arising from activities of different groups. The report shall be signed by the Director General, Secretary General, Treasurer General and the Presiding Bishop.
- 4.6 Scrutinize and approve the motions sent by different Dioceses
- 4.7 Prepare the budget of the league in consultation with the finance and planning committee
- 4.8 Control funds and properties of the League at Churchwide in consultation with the finance and planning committee. Inventory of property shall be sent to the General Secretary and other church official's concerned biennially.

4.9 Organize workshops and seminars in order to strengthen the League to undertake projects and programmes at all levels

## **5. THE PRESIDING BISHOP**

The Presiding Bishop shall be the spiritual leader of the league at Churchwide level.

He/she shall:

- Officially open and close all meetings and conferences held at Churchwide level
- Officiate at elections, induct committee members and
- Have the right to attend all meetings and Conferences at Churchwide level.

## **6. THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

6.1 The Churchwide Committee shall have a standing committee on finance.

6.2 The committee shall be composed of the Deputy Director; Treasurer-General and two other members of the YAL at Churchwide with requisite skills. The finance and planning committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Secretary from amongst its members. The Presiding Bishop shall be an ex-officio member of the committee.

6.3 The Finance and Planning Committee members shall hold office for a period of six [6] years.

6.4 The Finance and Planning Committee shall be responsible to the Churchwide Committee.

## **PART V: UNIFORM**

### **CHAPTER 1: UNIFORM**

**1. The official uniform of the League shall be:**

#### **Brother**

- White shirt
- Black scarf with an emblem
- Black trouser
- Black jacket with emblem
- Black tie with emblem
- Black shoes

#### **Sisters**

- White shirt with emblem
- Black scarf with emblem
- Black plain skirt

- Black jacket
- Black shoes

## **CHAPTER 2: OCCASIONS FOR DONNING UNIFORM**

### **2. Members should wear the uniform on the following days/events:**

- 2.1 On days of prayer meetings;
- 2.2 At Holy Communion Services;
- 2.3 At church festivals excluding music festival
- 2.4 At memorial and funerals of the deceased members of the league, church workers, elders, members of other leagues
- 2.5 For baptism and confirmation services

### **2.7 On occasions of**

- The installations of new members
- Re-registration of members
- Induction of church servants
- Ordination of Pastors
- Consecration of Bishops
- Dedication of new church building
- Unveiling of tombstones

## **PART VI: AMENDMENTS**

### **CHAPTER 1: AMEMNDMENTS**

- 1.1 Proposed amendment/s of this constitution shall be submitted to the Churchwide Young Adult League Committee in writing six months prior to the Churchwide Conference.
- 1.2 Such proposed amendment/s shall be circulated to the Dioceses within three months prior to the Churchwide Conference.
- 1.3 The two-third majority of the voting members shall approve the proposed amendment/s.
- 1.4 The General Assembly shall have the final decision on all amendment/s.

### **CHAPTER 2: DISSOLUTION**

- 2.1 Should the organization be dissolved, its properties shall remain the properties of the church.

### CHAPTER 3: SIGNING

Signed for on behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa Young Adult League  
(ELCSA Young Adult League)

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Mr A KUTAMA  
SECRETARY GENERAL

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Mr LMKGOPA  
DIRECTOR GENERAL

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BISHOP MM DITLHALE  
PRESIDING BISHOP





1.1 Membership shall be open to all Congregants who are 35 years of age and above.

1.2 The Congregational meetings shall be held at least once per quarter.

**Chapter 2: The Congregational Committee:**

2.1 There shall be a committee consisting of a chairperson; deputy chairperson, secretary, deputy secretary, treasurer and two additional members.

- 2.2 They shall hold office for the period of six [6] years and be eligible for re-election
- 2.3 The Pastor shall be the ex-officio of the League.
- 2.4 Young Adult Congregational Committee shall:
  - 2.4.1 Have their chairperson as a delegate to Parish Committee.
  - 2.4.2 Be responsible to the Pastor and Congregational Council.
  - 2.4.3 Take care of all activities and properties of the League.
  - 2.4.4 Cooperate with the YAL Parish Committee.
  - 2.4.5 Shall meet at least once per quarter.
  - 2.4.6 The Committee shall call annual general meetings.

#### Chapter 3: Finance and Planning Committee

- 3.1 The vice chairperson, treasurer and two other members of the YAL with requisite skills shall form a standing committee on finances. The finance and planning committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Secretary from amongst its members. The Pastor shall be an ex-officio member of the committee.
- 3.2 Hold office for a period of six [6] years.
- 3.3 Be responsible to the Congregational Committee.

#### Chapter 4: ORGANISATION AT PARISH LEVEL

- 4.1 Parish Committee:
  - 4.1.1 At its meeting the Parish YAL shall elect the Parish Committee from amongst the Congregational Committee members.
  - 4.1.2 Voting delegates at the Parish Meeting shall be all Congregational Committee members.
  - 4.1.3 The meeting shall elect the Chairperson; Vice Chairperson; Secretary; Vice Secretary; Treasurer and two additional members.
  - 4.1.4 They shall hold office for a period of six [6] years.
  - 4.1.5 In case of a one Parish Congregation, the YAL Congregational Committee shall be the Parish Committee.
- 4.2 The YAL Parish Committee shall hold the Parish Meetings four times a year.
- 4.3 The YAL Parish Committee shall have the right to ask for reports from the Congregational Committees.
- 4.4 The Chairperson of the Parish Young Adults League shall:
  - 4.4.1 Attend Parish Meeting and Parish Council meetings as per invitation with no voting rights.

#### Chapter 5: Finance and Planning committee

- 5.1 The vice chairperson, treasurer and two other members of the



YAL with requisite skills shall form a standing committee on finances. The finance and planning committee shall elect a chairperson and a secretary from amongst its members. The pastor shall be an ex-officio member of the committee.

5.2 The Finance and Planning Committee members shall hold office for a period of six [6] years.

5.3 The Finance and Planning Committee shall be responsible to the Parish Committee.

## Part V: CIRCUIT LEVEL

### Chapter 1: ORGANISATION AT THE CIRCUIT LEVEL

1.1 At its Conference the Circuit YAL shall elect the Circuit Committee from amongst the Parish Committee members.

1.2 Voting delegates at the Circuit Conference Meeting shall be all Parish Committee members.

1.3 The Conference shall elect the Chairperson; Vice Chairperson; Secretary; Vice Secretary; Treasurer and two additional members.

1.4 The YAL Circuit Conference shall meet once a year.

1.5 The YAL Circuit Conference shall be constituted by all members of the league in the Circuit.

### Chapter 2: THE CIRCUIT YOUNG ADULT COMMITTEE

2.1 The Circuit YAL Committee shall:

2.1.1 Have their Chairperson and the Secretary as delegates to the Diocesan YAL Committee.

2.1.2 Have their Chairperson as a delegate to the Circuit Council and Circuit Meeting as per invitation with no voting rights.

2.1.3 Be responsible to the Dean and Circuit Council.

2.1.4 Take care of all activities and properties of the YAL at Circuit Level.

2.1.5 Cooperate with the Diocesan YAL Committee.

2.1.6 Hold office for a period of six [6] years.

2.1.7 Shall meet at least twice a year.

2.1.8 Prepare and present annual reports at the Circuit Conference.

2.1.9 The Dean shall be an ex-officio member of the YAL Circuit Committee.

### Chapter 3: FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

3.1 The YAL Circuit Committee shall have a standing committee on finances.

3.1.1 The committee shall be composed of the Vice Chairperson, Treasurer and two other members of the YAL with requisite skills.

The finance and planning committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Secretary from amongst its members. The Dean shall be an ex-officio member of the committee.

5.2 The Finance and Planning Committee members shall hold office for a period of six [6] years.

## Part VI: DIOCESAN LELEVEL

### Chapter 1: THE ORGANISATION AT DIOCESAN LEVEL

- 1.1 At its Conference the Diocesan YAL shall elect the Diocesan executive Committee from amongst the Circuit Chairpersons and Secretaries.
- 1.2 Voting delegates at the Diocesan Conference shall be all Circuit Committee members.
- 1.3 The Conference shall elect the Director; Deputy Chairperson; Secretary; Vice Secretary and the Treasurer.
- 1.4 The YAL Diocesan Conference shall meet once in two years.
- 1.5 The YAL Diocesan Conference shall be constituted by all Circuit Committee members and five [5] delegates from each parish taking into consideration the membership of the league in the Diocese.

### Chapter 2: THE DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT COMMITTEE

2. The Diocesan YAL Committee shall be constituted by all Circuit Chairpersons and Secretaries.

2.1 The Diocesan YAL Committee shall:

- 2.1.1 Meet twice a year.
  - 2.1.2 Take care of all activities and properties of the organization at Diocesan Level.
  - 2.1.3 Cooperate with the YAL Churchwide Committee.
  - 2.1.4 Be responsible to the Bishop and the Diocesan Committee.
  - 2.1.5 Hold office for a period of six [6] years.
  - 2.1.6 Prepare and present reports to the Diocesan Conference.
  - 2.1.7 The Bishop shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee.
- 2.2 The Director of the Diocesan YAL shall:
- 2.2.1 Be the Chairperson of the Committee and Conference at the Diocesan level.
  - 2.2.2 Attend Diocesan Council and Synod Meetings as per invitation with no voting rights.

### Chapter 3: THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

- 3.1 The YAL Diocesan Committee shall have a standing committee on finance.
- 3.2 The committee shall be composed of the Vice Chairperson, Treasurer and two other members of the YAL in the Diocese with requisite skills.  
The finance and planning committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Secretary from amongst its members.  
The Dean shall be an ex-officio member of the committee.

3.3 The Finance and Planning Committee members shall hold office for a period of six [6] years.

3.4 The Finance and Planning Committee shall be responsible to the Diocesan Committee.

## Part VII: CHURCHWIDE LEVEL

### Chapter 1: ORGANISATION ON ELCSA CHURCH WIDE LEVEL

1.1 At its Conference the Churchwide YAL shall elect the Executive Committee from amongst the Diocesan Directors and Secretaries.

1.2 Voting delegates at the Churchwide Conference shall be all Diocesan Committee members.

1.3 The Conference shall elect the Director General; Deputy Director General; Secretary General; Vice Secretary General and the Treasurer General.

1.4 The YAL Churchwide Conference shall meet once in two years.

1.5 The YAL Churchwide Conference shall be constituted by all Diocesan Committee members and fifty [50] delegates from each Diocese taking into consideration the membership of the league in the Diocese.

### Chapter 2: THE CHURCHWIDE YOUNG ADULT COMMITTEE

2.1 The Churchwide YAL Committee shall be constituted by all Diocesan Directors and Secretaries.

2.1 The Churchwide YAL Committee shall:

2.1.1 Meet twice a year.

2.1.2 Take care of all activities and properties of the organization at Churchwide Level.

2.1.3 Cooperate with the Church Council.

2.1.4 Be responsible to the Presiding Bishop.

2.1.5 Hold office for a period of six [6] years.

2.1.6 Meet at least twice a year.

2.1.7 Prepare and present reports to the Churchwide Conference.

2.1.8 The Chaplain shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee.

2.2 The Director General of the YAL shall:

2.2.1 Be the Chairperson of the Committee and Conference at Churchwide level.

2.2.2 Attend Church Council and General Assembly Meetings as per invitation with no voting rights.

### Chapter 3: THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

3.1 The YAL Churchwide Committee shall have a standing committee on finance.

3.2 The committee shall be composed of the Deputy Director General; Treasurer and two other members of the YAL at Churchwide level with requisite skills.

The finance and planning committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Secretary from amongst its members.

The Chaplain shall be an ex-officio member of the committee.

3.3 The Finance and Planning Committee members shall hold office for a period of six [6] years.

3.4 The Finance and Planning Committee shall be responsible to the Churchwide Committee.

## Part VIII: RULES OF PROCEDURE

### Chapter 1: RULES OF PROCEDURE AT ALL LEVELS

1.1 The rules of procedure will be as provided by ELCSA Structures at levels under which the Young Adult League operates.

### Chapter 2: DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

2.1 Disciplinary/appeal/dispute/mediation matters shall be dealt with by the councils under which the league operates.

### Chapter 3: AMMENDMENT/S

3.1 Proposed amendment/s of this constitution shall be submitted to the Churchwide Young Adult Committee in writing six months prior to the Churchwide Conference.

3.2 Such proposed amendment/s shall be circulated to the Dioceses within three months prior to the Churchwide Conference.

3.3 The two-third majority of the voting members shall approve the proposed amendment/s.

3.4 The General Assembly shall have the final decision on all amendment/s.

### Chapter 4: DISSOLUTION

4.1 Should the organization be dissolved, its properties shall remain the properties of the church.

## CHAPTER 3: SIGNING

Signed for on behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa Prayer Women's League (ELCSA PWL)

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