

CONSTITUTION

OF SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

PREAMBLE

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE BELIEVES THAT THE CHURCH IS COMPELLED BY GOD'S WORD TO SPEAK AND ACT ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHO ARE VULNERABLE AND DEFENSELESS. THE CRISIS OF OUR TIME IS THE REPUDIATION OF BIBLICAL TRUTH MANIFESTED IN THE WANTON DESTRUCTION OF INNOCENT HUMAN LIFE THROUGH LEGALIZED ABORTION-ON-DEMAND AND THE GROWING THREAT TO THE LIVES OF OTHERS THROUGH LEGALIZED ASSISTED SUICIDE AND EUTHANASIA. THEREFORE, AS LUTHERANS FOR LIFE, WE WILL STRIVE TOGETHER TO GIVE WITNESS, FROM A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE, TO THE CHURCH AND SOCIETY ON THESE AND RELATED ISSUES SUCH AS CHASTITY, POST-ABORTION HEALING, AND FAMILY LIVING.

ARTICLE I, NAME

The name of this organization shall be Sacramento Valley Chapter Lutherans For Life, hereafter referred to as "Chapter".

ARTICLE II, PURPOSE

1. Educate members of the Lutheran Church from a Biblical perspective on the life issues, promoting the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.
2. Witness to our communities the value of each human individual as known in the creative and redemptive work of Jesus Christ while opposing abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide and euthanasia as rebellion against God.
3. Support ministry to those experiencing an unplanned or crisis pregnancy; guilt or grief following an abortion; and those who are ill, elderly, comatose, or those who have disabilities.
4. Urge leaders in the Church to exercise a prophetic role in opposition to the expanding devaluation of human life, affirming the role of the Church in proclaiming the liberating and soul-transforming Word of Life.
5. Assist individuals and families to live rich, spiritually oriented lives through the teaching of Biblical virtues.
6. Affirm faithful, monogamous, heterosexual marriage as essential to the well being of children and the integrity of the family.

7. Share resources and expertise with other Christians, both in the United States and abroad in the pursuit of pro-life efforts.

ARTICLE III, AFFILIATION

This chapter shall be an affiliate of Lutherans For Life, Inc., a non-profit corporation under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 317 since April 17, 1979. As such, this Chapter shall be subject to the by-laws and policies of Lutherans For Life, Inc., and do nothing contrary to the philosophy, purpose and objectives of Lutherans For Life, Inc.

This chapter shall also and concurrently be an affiliate of California Lutherans for Life, a non-profit corporation under California state since 1995, so long as said corporation is and remains an affiliate of Lutherans For Life, Inc. As such, this chapter shall do nothing contrary to the philosophy, purpose, and objectives of California Lutherans for Life.

ARTICLE IV, NON-PROFIT STATUS

1. This Chapter is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious and scientific purposes as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
2. This Chapter shall not participate in a political campaign for or against any candidate for public office nor devote a substantial part of its activities or resources to influence legislation.
3. No part of its net earnings, in any manner or form, shall inure any of its members or officers except for services rendered to the Chapter.
4. In the event of dissolution, the entire assets, real and personal, remaining after the payment of any and all liabilities and obligations of the Chapter, shall be distributed exclusively for the purposes of the Chapter and only to organizations as are operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at that time qualify as tax exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue law.

ARTICLE V, NON-DISCRIMINATION

The purpose of this Chapter shall be pursued without regard to race, color, gender, or ethnic origin.

ARTICLE VI, ADDRESS

The permanent address of this chapter, registered with Lutherans For Life, Inc., shall be:
3644 Bolivar Avenue
North Highlands, CA 95660

ARTICLE VII, DURATION

The duration of this Chapter shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE VIII, MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this Chapter shall be as provided in the By-laws of this Chapter and in accordance with the policies of Lutherans For Life, Inc.

ARTICLE IX, LIABILITY

No personal liability shall be incurred by any member or officer of this Chapter either for the negligent acts of the Chapter or for those of any agent or employee thereof, nor for the debts or obligations of the Chapter.

CERTIFICATION

This constitution has been adopted by a majority vote at a meeting of Lutherans For Life members held on the 5th day of May 2002 A.D.

The initial officers of this Chapter are.....

Wilbur Pullmann - President

Roger Bohnhof - Vice President

Linda Cruz - Secretary

James Brauer, Jr. - Treasurer