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Amendment to Chapter 2 of Continuing Resolutions to the Constitution of Trinity Lutheran
Evangelical Church - Establishing the Mission Endowment Fund

WHEREAS, the Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) was established by Chapter 2 of the Resolutions of the Constitution of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church to "enhance the mission outreach of Trinity"; and

WHEREAS, CR2.13 of the Chapter 2 establishing the MEF provides that 75% of the Fund's income shall be distributed annually; and

WHEREAS, the MEF has moved investments to the Vanguard Social Index Fund (FTSE) which has historically generated greater returns on investment than the previously held investment fund, but produces lower income distributions; and

WHEREAS, distributions from the MEF in 2018 were only 1.6% of Fund value on 31 December 2017 and in 2019 were only 2.2% of Fund value on 31 December 2018; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that while past performance is no guarantee of future performance, the Vanguard Social Index Fund (FTSE) has averaged over 14% return over the past 10 years; and

WHEREAS, CR2.17 of Chapter 2 states that "Any amendment to this Chapter 2, which will change alter or amend the purpose for which the FUND is established or the distribution of the FUND shall be adopted only after readings and approval without substantive change at two successive meetings of the congregation, which shall be either a semiannual meeting of the congregation or a special meeting called specially for the purpose of amending this resolution";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this congregation in this meeting assembled on xx xxx 2020 approved the following Amendment to Chapter 2 of the Continuing Resolutions which amends C2.12, CR2.13 and CR 2.15 of Chapter 2 with the following:

~~CR2.12 The COMMITTEE shall determine what is principal and income according to accepted accounting procedures. Gifts and bequests to the fund shall accumulate until principal amount of \$100,000. is achieved, after which the income generated from the investment of the principal shall be expended as provided in CR2.13~~

All income from FUND investments will be reinvested. Each year that the FUND valuation is greater than \$100,000, the COMMITTEE will, at its discretion, set a distribution amount of between 3% and 6% of FUND valuation on 31 December of the previous year. The distribution will be expended as provided in CR2.13.

CR2.13 Except as provided in paragraph CR2.15 below, income distributions from the FUND shall ~~be distributed~~ occur annually and at such times as deemed necessary and/or feasible to accomplish the following purposes:

1. ~~25%~~ One third (1/3) for Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Use – **Special (non-budgeted)** Program or Building purposes as recommended by the COMMITTEE and approved by the Congregation Council.
2. ~~25%~~ One third (1/3) for Special Community Ministries as recommended by the COMMITTEE and approved by the Congregation Council.
3. ~~25%~~ One third (1/3) for Special Benevolence Projects as recommended by the COMMITTEE and approved by the Congregation Council.
4. ~~25% allocated to principal not to be spent, but to build the Endowment Fund and to keep up with inflation.~~

CR2.15 Disbursements ~~of income~~ from the FUND need not occur annually in the event causes and programs have not been approved by the COMMITTEE sufficient to utilize total income available, or if in the judgment of the COMMITTEE total annual disbursement ~~of income~~ is not recommended.