

Calling FELC Members to be part of the Constitution and By-Laws Task Force

At the February 7, 2010 Annual Meeting, FELC Congregation approved the following motion: That a Task Force be formed to review FELC's Constitution and By-Laws for needed revisions and that the membership of this Task Force include members from this Congregation via sign-up sheets and one to two Council Members, and that this Task Force select its own chairperson who is a non-council member.

Rationale for that motion was that there is a provision in FELC's documents that is in direct conflict with the ELCA Model Constitution For Congregations; and, that there are several amendments to The ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations that were approved at the August 17-23, 2010, Churchwide Assembly that need to be incorporated in FELC's Constitution and By-Laws.

The Constitution and By-Laws are communication documents communicating the Congregation's powers and rights as well as the responsibilities of the Congregational Council. The By-Laws communicate how congregations plan to follow through with the Constitution's provisions. All congregations under the ELCA are expected to use and follow the ELCA Model Constitution For Congregations in drafting as well as revising their respective Constitution and By-Laws.

The approved FELC Task Force is seeking members from both FELC's Downtown and North Sites to be part of this Task Force. Steve Ford and Terry Maves have agreed to represent the Council on the Task Force. Elizabeth Hensel, FELC member, has indicated interest in serving as one FELC's congregational members. The three of them encourage FELC members to prayerfully consider being a part of this Task Force; and, encourages those interested members to sign up on the sign-up sheets that are posted in the Gathering Area at both sites. FELC's membership voice does play an important part in this process.

This Task Force is planning to have its first meeting in August 2010. Questions about this Task Force-contact Elizabeth Hensel (920-993-1376) or Terry Maves (920-734-4074). Thank you for considering and signing up to be part of this Task Force.