

**THE CHINESE SPECIAL INTEREST CONFERENCE  
of  
THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA**

**Bylaw**  
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**ARTICLE I**

**MEMBERSHIP**

All members must be of Lutheran background.

Eligibility for membership includes

- i. Organizations, congregations and pastors who are members of ELCIC, or
- ii. organizations or congregations with pastors on the roster of ELCIC, or
- iii. organizations, congregations and pastors sharing the objectives of this conference and invited by the conference council.

Membership is granted upon being received at the general member meeting.

Upon approval by the conference council, temporary membership without voting right shall be granted by the conference council until the next general meeting.

Membership shall remain effective as long as the member makes an annual contribution as set by the conference council.

Conference council shall have the authority to terminate the membership according to the constitution.

**ARTICLE II**

**CONFERENCE COUNCIL MEETING**

3 out of 4 council members shall constitute the quorum for transacting the business of the Conference Council.

**ARTICLE III**

**ELECTION**

The 4 - member conference council will be elected based on the following criteria:

- i. There must be at least 1 clergy, at least 1 layperson, at least 1 man and at least 1 woman;
- ii. Other than the chairperson, there must be 1 member chosen from each region (West, Prairies, East);

There must be at least 1 member from the incumbent conference council in the new conference council.

## ARTICLE IV

### AMENDMENT OF BYLAW

The bylaws of this Chinese Special Interest Conference may be repealed or amended by a resolution

- i. approved by majority of the members of the Conference Council at a meeting of the Conference Council and
- ii. sanctioned by an affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the conference members at a member meeting duly called for the purpose of considering the said bylaw and
- iii. approved by the National Church Council of the ELCIC.

The proposed amendment shall be distributed at least 2 months before the member meeting.