

Temple Lutheran Church
Proposed Amendments to Constitution
Proposal C: Clarify Responsibility for Approval of Designated Funds
December 2025

Motion C: To approve Proposal B, to clarify responsibility for approval of Designated Funds and further define the Youth Ministry and Food Pantry funds.

Description and Rationale: Currently, the Congregation Council must approve expenditures from the Food Pantry Food, which is not a realistic process. While revising that section, comparable changes are proposed for the Youth Ministry Fund.

Note: As provided by Section 17 of the Constitution, this amendment to the Bylaws can be adopted at a single Congregation Meeting by a two-thirds vote and then transmitted to the Synod.

Additions are bold and underlined. Deletions are ~~struck through~~ in the text.

C12.05.01 There are two components of the church's financials: Financial Accounts and the Temple Lutheran Church Fund.

- a. The **Financial Accounts** include a checking account and an investment account.
Subsections not shown

- b. The **Temple Lutheran Church Fund**, comprised of the funds listed below,

1). The **Operating Fund** is designed to meet the ongoing operation of the congregation. The fund must be able to meet the current month's expenses and have sufficient cash reserve available in the account to meet the average expenses of a second month.

2) The **Designated Funds** include funds which have been designated for a specific item or intended to be of a short or medium term. ~~Unless otherwise designated, expenditures from these funds (other than the Escrow Fund) may be approved by majority vote of the Congregation Council.~~ These funds include:

a) **Escrow Fund** are those monies on deposit from the rental agreements for use of the property. These funds are the funds of lessee or others, under contract with Temple Lutheran Church, subject to contractual rights therein, and are to be invested in an insured fund or account.

b) The **Youth Ministry Fund** was initially funded from the remaining funds of the former Boy Scout Troop is to be used for youth work in the congregation. Additional funds come from donations, fundraising activities, and program activity fees. The Youth Ministry Committee may approve expenditures for routine youth activities, including retreats and special events. Expenditures outside these routine expenses must be approved by majority vote of the Congregation Council based on a recommendation from the Youth Ministry Committee. Funds may be contributed from affiliated organizations for joint activities, in which case there should be prior agreement on proper accounting and distribution of the funds.

c) The **Food Pantry Fund** is to support the needs of the congregation in reducing hunger insecurity in the community by operating a clean and safe environment to welcome and aid those experiencing food scarcity. The Food Pantry Committee may approve routine expenditures from this fund, such as food, supplies, and items that encourage fellowship. Expenditures outside these routine expenses must be approved by majority vote of the Congregation Council based on a recommendation from the Food Pantry Committee.

d) Other special funds may be identified over time for specific purposes and should be used as designated. Expenditures need to reflect donor intent and, unless otherwise stated when designated, must be approved by majority vote of the Congregation Council. Council may delegate this responsibility to a committee or task force established for this purpose.