



# ELIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Elim Members,

Elim's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 12:15 PM in the sanctuary. You will be receiving official notice of the meeting within the next three weeks. This letter is your notice that at the annual meeting, the Congregation will vote upon an amendment to Elim's bylaws.

At the 2016 Annual Meeting, the Congregation adopted a set of bylaws related to Elim's endowment fund (the Endowment Fund for Mission) that included provisions for an elected Mission Endowment Fund Committee. Bylaw C5.05.22, adopted at that time, states:

The Mission Endowment Fund Committee shall consist of five (5) voting members of this congregation, elected by ballot by this congregation at its annual meeting. Members shall serve terms of three years and until their successors are elected. Each member's term shall begin on the first day of the month after the month in which the member is elected. One member of the committee shall be elected each year.

The intent of the bylaw was that the committee consist of five members serving staggered three-year terms, with at least one member of the Committee being elected each year. However, when applied literally, the bylaw effectively makes terms on the Committee five years.

At the request of the Mission Endowment Fund Committee, the Leadership Team has referred the following resolution to the congregation for a vote at this year's annual meeting:

RESOLVED, that the sentence in bylaw C5.05.22 reading "One member of the committee shall be elected each year" shall be replaced in its entirety with "The terms of members shall be staggered so that at least one member of the committee is elected each year."

This resolution will be voted upon at this year's Annual Meeting, and if approved by a majority present and voting, will amend the bylaws as described in the resolution. The Leadership Team fully supports this resolution and recommends adoption by the Congregation.

We look forward to discussing this with you further and to seeing you on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Yours in Christ,

Kevin Prime, President



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