

Trinity Lutheran Evangelical Church
Special Interest Group Policy

Purpose: To provide guidance to any member who wishes to start a Special Interest Group at Trinity.

Within the Trinity Constitution Chapter 14. ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE CONGREGATION states:

C14.01. All organizations within this congregation, that are part of the official organizations of the ELCA, shall exist to aid it in ministering to the members of this congregation and to all persons who can be reached with the Gospel of Christ. As outgrowths and expressions of this congregation's life, the organizations are subject to its oversight and direction. This congregation at its meeting shall determine their policies, guide their activities, and receive reports concerning their membership, work, and finances.

C14.02. Special interest groups, other than those of the official organizations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, may be organized only after authorization has been given by the Congregation Council.

The following process is recommended to be followed:

1. An active Trinity church member may suggest a Special Interest Group be started at Trinity by notifying the Pastor or Church Council President in writing to include:
 - a. the purpose of the Group,
 - b. how often the Group will meet and where,
 - c. how would the Group benefit Trinity church and the community and,
 - d. any financial support for this Group.
2. The Council President will include the suggested Special Interest Group information to the Council at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.
3. The Council may request additional information, may authorize or may not authorize the Special Interest Group.
4. If the Special Interest Group authorized by the Council determines at a later date to dissolve, the leader of the Group should notify the Council President.

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