THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

TERMS OF REFERENCE

LWF COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE FOR
CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP

In addition to the Terms of Reference that are applicable to all Council committees, the Standing Committee for Constitution and Membership (the “Committee”) shall have the following responsibilities.

The overall purpose of the Committee is to:

1. Review the LWF’s governance and governing documents and make recommendations thereupon.
2. Receive, review, and make recommendations regarding applications for membership in the LWF.

To that end, the Committee shall:

1. Review and study LWF governing documents, including the Constitution, Bylaws, Terms of Reference, and Rules of Procedure.
2. Receive and assess proposals for amendment of LWF governing documents.
3. Make recommendations to the Council regarding LWF governance and governing documents.
4. Carry out any other business relating to LWF governance procedures and governing documents.
5. Receive applications for membership, associate membership, or recognized status within the LWF.
6. Assess the applications, applying the criteria for evaluating membership applications that are laid out in the LWF Constitution and Bylaws.
7. Make recommendations to the Council regarding such applications.
8. Receive reports about churches, councils, and congregations that are expressing interest in LWF membership or recognition.
9. Receive, assess, and make recommendations to the Council regarding proposals for suspension of membership, reinstatement of membership, or termination of membership, applying the criteria that are laid out in the LWF Constitution and Bylaws.
10. Carry out any other business relating to LWF membership.
11. Fulfill such other responsibilities as may be assigned by the Council.

(Adopted by the LWF Council, __________ 2015.)

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