



Survey for Use in Discernment Process

This survey is available to all the voting members of Christ the King Lutheran Church. The results of the survey will be used by the Executive Board and Church Council as part of the discernment process to determine possible responses to the decisions made by the Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA in August of 2009.

After completing the survey, seal the survey in the envelope provided and print and sign your name on the outside of the envelope. The envelope with the survey inside can be returned to the Church Office. Once a signature has been verified as that of a voting member, the survey will be removed from the envelope to be tallied without any identifying marks.

Copies of the survey can be found online after February 1st at: <http://www.ctkmankato.org>. The survey may be downloaded, placed in a signed and sealed envelope and returned to the Church Office either in person or by mail.

The last day to return the completed survey will be February 15, 2010.

Section 1: Resolutions from the Social Statement, adopted by the ELCA Church-Wide Assembly (in the order adopted)

At the Church-wide Assembly in August of 2009, the ELCA adopted four resolutions dealing with issues raised in the Social Statement. Please indicate your level of agreement with each of these resolutions.

1. "In the implementation of any resolutions on ministry policies, the ELCA commit itself to bear one another's burdens, love the neighbor, and respect the bound consciences of all."

Stongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

2. "The ELCA commit itself to finding ways to allow congregations that choose to do so to recognize, support and hold publicly accountable lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationships."

Stongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

3. “The ELCA commit itself to finding a way for people in such publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationships to serve as rostered leaders of this church.”

Stongly					Strongly
Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Disagree	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

4. The final resolution called upon members to respect the bound consciences of those with whom they disagree; declared the intent to allow structured flexibility in decision-making about candidacy and the call process; eliminated the prohibition of rostered service by members in publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous same-gender relationships; recognized and committed to respect the conviction of members who believe that the ELCA should not call or roster people in committed same-gender relationships; called for development of accountability guidelines; directed that appropriate amendments to ministry policy documents be drafted and approved by the Church Council; and urged that this church continue to trust congregations, bishops, synods and others responsible for determining who should be called into public ministry.

Stongly					Strongly
Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Disagree	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

Section 2: Possible Responses of Christ the King Lutheran Church

Christ the King Lutheran Church has the option of adopting its own policies in response to the resolutions passed by the Churchwide Assembly. Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following possible policy responses.

1. I am willing to accept the bound conscience of members of the church and respect their views of these issues

Stongly					Strongly
Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Disagree	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

2. I believe that couples in committed, same sex, monogamous relationships should be able to receive a blessing from the church.

Stongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

3. I believe that pastors who are in committed, same sex, monogamous relationships should be able to serve as rostered clergy.

Stongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

4. I believe that the pastors at Christ the King should be able to conduct blessing ceremonies on the church grounds and buildings only for the life passages identified in our liturgy (ELW, page 81 and 82). These life passages are birth of a child, adoption of a child, preparing for marriage, marriage, the end of a marriage, and retirement.

Stongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

5. I believe that the pastors at Christ the King should be able to conduct other blessing ceremonies off the church grounds and buildings at their discretion.

Stongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

6. I believe that Christ the King should follow its current call policy (two-thirds vote in favor of call, only rostered clergy of ELCA, consultation with the bishop of the synod) when calling a new pastor.

Stongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

7. The Social Statement asks me to be willing to accept that others have different view about the issue of homosexuality that I do. I am willing to accept and respect the views of others with whom I may disagree on this issue.

Stongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

8. I am willing to work with others in Christ the King to achieve our mission statement even though I may disagree with the ELCA’s policies.

Stongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

Section 3: Demographic Information:

1. Age

Less than 30 years old	30 – 40 years old	41 – 50 years old	51 – 60 years old	Over 60 years old
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Gender

Female	Male
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Years of Membership at Christ the King

5 or fewer	6- 10 years	11-15 years	16 – 20 years	21 or more years
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>