



CONSTITUTION

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THE LUTHERAN COLLEGIATE BIBLE INSTITUTE

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Statement of Intent for Ecumenical Lutheran Christian Education

Outlook College was founded long ago by Norwegian Lutheran congregations as a Lutheran educational ministry. From the original charter:

The College stands for Christian education. It is a school primarily for the Norwegian Lutherans of Saskatchewan. As members of the Lutheran Church, its founders have sought to meet the growing demand among the Norwegian Lutherans of our Province for higher education combined with positive Christian teaching. We believe that an institution where the religion of Jesus Christ is made a subject of study and His Word forms the basis of discipline and conduct has a place in the educational system of our land. The aim of the College is to provide a general education which shall include as a distinctive and important element, the development of the Christian character. While this College is founded and maintained by the Norwegian Lutherans of Saskatchewan, its doors are open not only to Lutherans of other nationalities, but also to members of other denominations. All such students will be required to attend the services of their respective churches and to identify themselves with the work that these are doing.

Over time, the institution has changed from a College to a Bible School to a joint High School & Bible School and more recently to a High School. In 1926, the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (“Norwegian Synod”) assumed governance of the school. In 1959, the name of the school was changed to The Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute (LCBI). This governance was eventually inherited by the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC). From its beginning, other Christians have supported LCBI. These governance documents recognize the mission of the school as a unique ministry that has been and should be shared by Christians working together in a spirit of cooperation. Therefore, it is important that all members understand and appreciate the need for an understanding of the differences among Christians. Mutual respect and an acknowledgement of where we differ is essential to ensure that LCBI can be a place where all come together, united for the common cause of proclaiming the gospel of Christ. A willingness at LCBI to focus energies on that which is held in common as Christians and set aside or leave at home other issues is essential.

Questions will inevitably arise at LCBI regarding issues that may divide Christians. LCBI’s leadership will need to be sensitive to issues that may cause division. Some differences cause little division and may be perceived simply as differences. Those that may cause division will be managed in the same spirit of mutual respect and sensitivity that epitomized the intentions of LCBI’s founders. LCBI will look to the policies, strategies and recommendations used by other ecumenical endeavours to encourage cooperation and fellowship among differing Christian denominations, so that the common cause of nurturing faith in Jesus Christ is supported. LCBI will encourage all staff, resource persons, worship leaders and pastors to be cognizant of these matters. The selection of resource materials, topics for study or themes of the school’s ministry should at all times reflect these objectives.

Preamble

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Believing in one holy catholic and apostolic church, remembering the prayer of our Lord Jesus Christ that his followers may be one, responding to the Holy Spirit who continues to call and gather the church, Lutherans in Canada have established The Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute.

Jesus Christ commanded his disciples to teach. From the earliest days of the Lutheran Church, following the examples of Martin Luther and Philip Melanchthon, Lutherans have founded schools in the belief that Christians are called to engage in intellectual inquiry in the service of God and society, and that all members of society should have the opportunity for a high-quality education. Lutherans in Canada have an institution in Outlook, Saskatchewan that contribute to their historical and ongoing responsibility to educate.

With thanks to God for the past service to the church and society by The Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute, and in the hope of future blessings, the following constitution and bylaws are adopted.

ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1. The name of the corporation shall be The Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute (LCBI).

ARTICLE II

Mission

Section 1. The mission of the corporation shall be to establish and maintain an institution of learning combined with positive Christian teaching governed in harmony with the Christian Faith as taught by the Confession of Faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC).

ARTICLE III

Confession of Faith

Section 1. This school confesses the triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—as the one true God. It proclaims the Father as Creator and Preserver; his Son, Jesus Christ, as Redeemer and Lord; and the Holy Spirit as Regenerator and Sanctifier.

Section 2. This school confesses that the gospel is the revelation of God’s saving will and grace in Jesus Christ, which he imparts through Word and Sacrament. Through these means of grace the Holy Spirit creates believers and unites them with their Lord and with one another in the fellowship of the Holy Christian Church.

Section 3. This school confesses the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, through which God still speaks, and as the only source of the church’s doctrine and the authoritative standard for the faith and life of the church.

Section 4. This school subscribes to the documents of the *Book of Concord* of 1580 as witnesses to the way in which the Holy Scriptures have been correctly understood, explained and confessed for the sake of the gospel, namely:

- a. The Apostles’, the Nicene and the Athanasian Creeds as the chief confessions of the Christian faith;
- b. The unaltered *Augsburg Confession* as its basic formulation of Christian doctrine;
- c. *Luther’s Small Catechism* as a clear summary of Christian doctrine; and

- d. *The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Luther's Large Catechism, the Smalcald Articles with the Treatise, and the Formula of Concord* as further witnesses to the unaltered *Augsburg Confession*.

ARTICLE IV

Powers

Section 1. In addition to the powers, rights and privileges conferred upon or vested in corporations by the laws of Saskatchewan, the corporation shall have full powers and authorities as outlined in *An Act to incorporate The Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute, S.S. 1960, c. 90*, legislated by the Province of Saskatchewan and amended from time to time, and shall establish the rules necessary and proper to carry into effect the powers set forth by these laws.

ARTICLE V

Membership

Section 1. The following shall be eligible for membership in the corporation in accordance with the bylaws:

- a. any congregation of the ELCIC;
- b. other Lutheran congregations; and
- c. individuals who are members of any Lutheran congregation which itself is not a member of the corporation.

Section 2. **Associate Membership**
The corporation may grant associate membership, in accordance with the bylaws.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings of the Corporation

Section 1. An annual general meeting (AGM) shall be held no later than fifteen (15) months from the last annual meeting.

Section 2. Special meetings of the corporation shall be called by the chair of the Board of Regents if so requested by resolution of the Board of Regents.

Section 3. The AGM shall be the highest governing authority of the corporation.

ARTICLE VII

Officers

Section 1. The officers of the corporation shall be the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. The duties of the officers shall be specified in the bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII

Board of Regents

Section 1. The business of the corporation shall be governed by a Board of Regents consisting of not less than five (5) individuals, nor more than eleven (11) individuals, who shall be elected in accordance with the bylaws.

Section 2. The majority of the Board of Regents must belong to a Lutheran congregation.

Section 3. The advisory members of the board shall be described in the bylaws.

ARTICLE IX

Student Life

Section 1. In recognition of the Christian principles that have motivated the establishment of and that govern the maintenance of LCBI, all students are required to be present at the devotional exercises of the school and are expected to attend worship service regularly.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

Section 1. This constitution, except for the Confession of Faith, may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of registered voters present at two (2) consecutive meetings of the corporation.

ARTICLE XI

Dissolution

Section 1. In case of dissolution of the corporation, all assets in excess of liabilities shall be the property of the ELCIC or its successor.