

## 2026 Proposed Amendments to the WMF Constitution and By-laws (updated 5-7-26)

These amendments and proposed Statement of Faith will be presented (not necessarily in the same order) by the 2026 WMF Resolutions Committee for discussion and voting during the business meeting of the National Convention (WMF Day), June 10, 2026, in Moorhead, MN.

*(Please note that per the WMF Constitution, amending the constitution is a year-long process, assuming the proposed amendment is approved at the meeting and the then recommended amendment is approved at the meeting the following year. Amending the by-laws can happen the same year. You can find the specific amendment process for each [in the Constitution and By-laws HERE.](#))*

- BE IT RESOLVED that WMF Constitution Article VII, Section 4 be amended from “Each Officer must be at least 18 years of age before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they are elected and must concurrently be a voting member in good standing of an AFLC congregation **and have served in a leadership position in a local or district WMF.** Loss of membership in the AFLC automatically acts as resignation as an Officer of the corporation. Officers need not be residents of the State of Minnesota.” to “*Each Officer must be at least 18 year of age before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they are elected and must concurrently be a voting member in good standing of an AFLC congregation and **have served in a leadership position in their church, AFLC women’s ministry, or other AFLC ministry.** Loss of membership in the AFLC automatically acts as resignation as an Officer of the corporation. Officers need not be residents of the State of Minnesota.*”
- BE IT RESOLVED that WMF By-laws Article I, Section 1 be amended to include AFLC Evangelism and Discipleship and AFLC Youth Ministries as missions that the WMF supports and to remove Cradle Roll.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the section will now read: “The missions that the WMF supports through personal involvement and financial contribution are World Missions, Home Missions, WMF General Fund, AFLC Parish Education, the Free Lutheran Bible College (FLBC), the Free Lutheran Seminary (FLS), AFLC Evangelism and Discipleship (AED), and AFLC Youth Ministries.”

- BE IT RESOLVED that WMF By-laws Article V, Section 2 be amended from “The Women’s Outreach Coordinator (WOC) shall be available as a resource person to encourage the purpose of the WMF. She shall fulfill the responsibilities included in her job description.” to “Women’s Outreach Coordinator (WOC) shall be available as a resource person to encourage the purpose of the WMF. She shall fulfill the responsibilities included in her job description. **In the absence of a WOC, the Board of Directors shall fulfill the duties until the position is filled.**”
- BE IT RESOLVED that the Women’s Missionary Federation of the AFLC adopt the following Statement of Faith:
  1. We believe the Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit, infallible, inerrant, sufficient, and authoritative in regards to all areas of life and Christian doctrine.
  2. We believe the Apostolic, Nicene and Athanasian Creeds, the Augsburg Confession (unaltered), and Luther’s Small Catechism are faithful expositions of the truths of the Scriptures.
  3. We believe the local congregation is the right form of the Kingdom of God on earth and acknowledges no authority above itself except the Word and Spirit of God.
  4. We agree with the Fundamental Principles of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations.
  5. We believe God has established marriage as a lifelong, exclusive relationship between one man and one woman and all intimate sexual activity outside the marriage relationship, whether heterosexual, homosexual, or otherwise, is immoral and therefore sin (Gen. 2:24-25; Ex. 20:14, 17, 22:19; Lev. 18:22-23, 20:13, 15-16; Matt. 19:4-6, 9; Rom. 1:18-31; I Cor. 6:9-10, 15-20; I Tim. 1:8-11; Jude 7). We further believe that God created the human race male and female and that all conduct with the intent to adopt a gender other than one’s birth gender is immoral and therefore sin (Gen. 1:27; Deut. 22:5)