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INTRODUCTION

Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (the "Company") established the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations Retirement Plan (the "Plan") effective September 01, 1964. This Summary Plan Description describes the Plan as restated effective January 01, 2017.

This revised Summary Plan Description supersedes all previous Summary Plan Descriptions. Although the purpose of this document is to summarize the more significant provisions of the Plan, the Plan document will prevail in the event of any inconsistency. In addition, the terms of the Plan cannot be modified by written or oral statements made to you by the Plan Administrator or other personnel.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION

Eligible Employee

You are an "Eligible Employee" if you are employed by Association of Free Lutheran Congregations or any affiliate who has adopted the Plan. However, you are not an "Eligible Employee" if you are a member of any of the following classes of employees:

For purposes of Elective Deferral Contributions, Matching Contributions and Profit Sharing Contributions, any leased employee.

Elective Deferral Contributions, Matching Contributions and Profit Sharing Contributions

You will become eligible to make Elective Deferral Contributions and receive Matching Contributions and Profit Sharing Contributions on the date you attain age 21, provided that you are an Eligible Employee on that date.

All eligibility service with the Company is taken into account.

If you make or receive eligible contributions you will be a "Participant" in the Plan.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PLAN

<u>Account</u>

"Account" means all of the contributions, of whatever type, made to the Plan for a Participant, including the earnings and losses on those contributions.

Elective Deferral Contributions

You may elect to reduce your Compensation (defined below) and make a contribution to the Plan on a pre-tax basis. These pre-tax contributions are known as Elective Deferral Contributions. You may elect to defer up to 100% of your Compensation on a pre-tax basis but must defer at least 1% of Compensation. Federal law also limits the amount you may elect to defer under this Plan and any other retirement plan permitting Elective Deferral Contributions during any calendar year (\$18,500 in 2018). However, if you are age 50 or over, you may defer an additional amount, called a "Catch-up Contribution", of up to \$6,000 (in 2018). The Internal Revenue Code may further restrict Elective Deferral Contribution elections by "highly compensated" Participants.

You may elect to start, increase or reduce your elections to contribute to the Plan effective as of the dates established pursuant to Plan Administrator procedures. You may totally suspend your elections at any time.

The Plan Administrator may establish rules regarding the manner in which your elections are made. The rules may also require that certain advance notice be given of any election. Your election regarding Elective Deferral Contributions is only effective for Compensation you will receive in the future. The Plan Administrator may also reduce or totally suspend your election if the Plan Administrator determines that your election may cause the Plan to fail to satisfy any of the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

Roth Contributions

The Plan allows Elective Deferral Contributions to be made as Roth Contributions. Roth Contributions are Elective Deferral Contributions that are made in the same manner as your pre-tax Elective Deferral Contributions except that Roth Contributions are made to the Plan on an after-tax basis. If certain requirements are met, a "qualified distribution" from your Roth Contribution Account in the Plan will not be taxed. Please note that Roth Contributions are "Matched Employee Contribution". The Company will match contributions you make as Roth Elective Deferral Contributions.

You must designate how much you would like to contribute on a pre-tax basis (normal Elective Deferral Contribution) and how much you would like to contribute as an after-tax Roth Contribution. You are not required to make any Roth Contributions. You may continue to designate all of your Elective Deferral Contribution elections as normal pre-tax contributions.

The sum of your Roth Contributions and regular Elective Deferral Contributions may not exceed the annual limit on regular Elective Deferral Contributions mentioned above.

As was mentioned above, a "qualified distribution" of your Roth Contributions (and earnings) is not taxable. A "qualified distribution" must be made more than five years after the first Roth Contribution is made and must meet at least one of the following requirements:

- (i) the distribution must be made after you attain age 59-1/2;
- (ii) the distribution must be made to your beneficiary after your death; or
- (iii) the distribution must be made on account of your disability.

Please note that Roth Contributions are not suitable for everyone. Please consult with your tax advisor before making any Roth Contributions to the Plan.

Amount of Matching Contributions

The Company may, in its sole discretion, make a Matching Contribution on your behalf if you make a "Matched Employee Contribution" during the Plan Year. A "Matched Employee Contribution" is any Elective Deferral Contribution or Catch-up Contribution that you may make.

If you make a "Matched Employee Contribution" the Company may contribute to your Matching Contribution Account in an amount and allocation formula as determined by the Company in its sole discretion.

The Internal Revenue Code may also further restrict Matching Contributions for highly compensated employees.

Profit Sharing Contributions

The Company may, in its sole discretion, make a Profit Sharing Contribution to the Plan on your behalf. You will be eligible to receive an allocation if you have completed at least one (1) hour of service during the Plan Year.

Profit Sharing Contributions will be allocated to the Profit Sharing Contribution Accounts of each Participant eligible to share in such allocations after the end of the Plan Year. Such contributions will be allocated to the Profit Sharing Contribution Account of each Participant eligible in pro rata shares.

Qualified Non-Elective Contributions

In addition to the contributions described above, the Company may make additional Qualified Non-Elective Contributions for the benefit of such Participants determined at the discretion of the Company.

Rollovers

The Plan may accept a Rollover Contribution made on behalf of any Eligible Employee, regardless of whether such employee has met the age and service requirements of the Plan. An Eligible Employee who has not yet met any of the eligibility requirements of the Plan will be deemed a Participant only with respect to amounts, if any, in his Rollover Contribution Account. In general, any eligible rollover distribution will be accepted by the Plan; however, the Plan Administrator may establish procedures that regulate the method by which Rollover Contributions will be accepted.

Military Service

If you serve in the United States armed forces and must miss work as a result of such service, you may be eligible to receive contributions, benefits and service credit with respect to any qualified military service. In addition, you or your survivors may be eligible to receive contributions, benefits and service credit if you die or become disabled while performing qualified military service.

Limits on Contributions

The amount that may be contributed to the Plan on your behalf in any year is limited to a fixed dollar amount (\$55,000 in 2018). In addition, contributions cannot exceed 100% of your total Compensation.

Compensation

"Compensation" means wages that are shown as taxable wages on your IRS Form W-2. For any self-employed individual, Compensation will mean earned income. Compensation will include wages paid during any period in which you are performing service in the uniformed services while on active duty for a period of more than 30 days that represents all or a portion of the wages you would have received if you were performing service for the Company. For purposes of Elective Deferral Contributions, Matching Contributions and Profit Sharing Contributions, Compensation will also include any amount you elect to defer on a tax-preferred basis to any Company benefit plan. For purposes of Matching Contributions and Profit Sharing Contributions, Compensation will include only that compensation which is actually paid to you by the Company during that part of the Plan Year that you are eligible to participate in the Plan.

No more than \$275,000 (in 2018) of Compensation may be taken into account in determining your benefits under the Plan.

For purposes of Elective Deferral Contributions, Matching Contributions and Profit Sharing Contributions, Compensation will include payments of unused accrued bona fide sick, vacation, or certain other leave that are paid to you after you terminate employment.

VESTING

<u>Elective Deferral Account, Rollover Contribution Account, In-Plan Roth Rollover Account, Qualified</u>
Non-Elective Contribution Account, Matching Contribution Account and Profit Sharing Contribution Account

You are always fully (100%) vested in your Elective Deferral Account, Rollover Contribution Account, In-Plan Roth Rollover Account, Qualified Non-Elective Contribution Account, Matching Contribution Account and Profit Sharing Contribution Account.

DISTRIBUTIONS

Commencement of Distributions

Early Retirement. You are entitled to receive a distribution from your All accounts at any time after reaching your Early Retirement Age even if you have not terminated employment.

Termination of Employment. You are entitled to receive a distribution from your Account after you terminate employment. The distribution will start at the time specified in the section titled "Timing and Form of Payment" below. You will be considered as terminated when you are removed from the clergy roster, or if earlier, the date upon which you no longer have an employment relationship with the Company.

Late Retirement. If you continue working for the Company after your Normal Retirement Age, your participation under the Plan will continue, and your benefits will begin following the date you terminate employment. You may elect to have the Plan Administrator begin the distribution of your benefit at any time after reaching your Normal Retirement Age (even if you are still working) by providing the Plan Administrator with a written election that you want your benefits to begin.

Death. If you die, your beneficiary will become entitled to receive your vested Account balance. The distribution will start at the time specified in the section titled "Timing and Form of Payment" below.

Normal Retirement Age

"Normal Retirement Age" means the date you reach age 65.

Early Retirement Age

"Early Retirement Age" means the date you reach age 60.

Timing and Form of Payment

Distribution for Reasons Other Than Death. If you become entitled to receive your benefit for any reason other than death your Account will be distributed in a lump sum payment. This is your normal form of payment. In addition to the normal form of payment, distributions from the Plan after termination of employment (for reasons other than death) may be made in the following form: In addition to a continuous right of withdrawal, if the Plan offers any investments in guaranteed income for life or similar investment product, an annuity form of distribution may be available through that investment product. Notwithstanding any other provision in the Plan to the contrary, an annuity form of distribution will only be available to the extent that such distribution form has been elected by the Participant through the applicable product. An election to use the applicable product shall be subject to the joint and survivor annuity provisions of Section 7.10 of the Plan. Payment of your vested Account may start as soon as administratively feasible with a final payment made consisting of any allocations occurring after your termination of employment. Your Account is payable in cash or as an in-kind distribution. If you do not choose a form of payment, the payment will be made in the form of a lump sum distribution.

Distribution on Account of Death. If you die before distribution of your Account begins, distribution of your entire Account must be completed by December 31 of the calendar year containing the fifth

anniversary of your death unless an election is made by your beneficiary to receive distributions in accordance with (1) and (2) below:

- (1) Distributions may be made over the life or over a period certain not greater than the life expectancy of the beneficiary commencing on or before December 31 of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which you die;
- (2) If the beneficiary is your surviving spouse, the date distributions are required to begin in accordance with item (1) above will not be earlier than the later of (A) December 31 of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which you die, or (B) December 31 of the calendar year in which you would have attained age 70-1/2.

If the Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity has been waived or is not required, as specified below, your beneficiary will be entitled to a distribution in any form that is available to you prior to your death.

If you die after distribution of your Account has begun, the remaining portion of your Account will continue to be distributed under the method of distribution being used prior to your death. If your Account was not being distributed in the form of an annuity at the time of your death, your beneficiary may elect to receive your remaining vested Account balance in a lump sum distribution.

Cash Out

After your termination of employment from the Company, if the vested amount of your Account does not exceed \$1,000 (or such lesser amount as determined by the Plan Administrator), your vested Account balance will be distributed directly to you in cash. If the vested amount of your Account balance is more than \$1,000 (or such lesser amount as determined by the Plan Administrator) but less than \$5,000, your vested Account will be distributed from the Plan. You may either elect to receive this distribution in cash or to roll over the distribution to an individual retirement account (IRA) or the qualified plan of your new employer (but only if your new employer's plan allows such rollovers). However, if you do not timely return your election forms, the Plan Administrator will transfer your vested Account to an IRA established in your name; unless the distribution occurs after the Required Beginning Date. This mandatory distribution will be invested in an IRA designed to preserve principal and provide a reasonable rate of return and liquidity. all fees and expenses will be deducted from the IRA For further information concerning the Plan's automatic rollover provisions, the IRA provider and the fees and expenses attendant to the individual retirement plan please contact the Plan Administrator at the phone number found in the "ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION" section at the end of this Summary Plan Description.

If the vested amount of your Account exceeds \$5,000, you must consent to any distribution of your Account. However, the Plan Administrator will commence distribution of your vested Account balance without your consent at the time that payments must begin under applicable federal law - generally the April 1 following the later of the calendar year in which you attain age 70-1/2 or you terminate employment. Special rules apply to persons who are deemed to own more than 5% of the Company.

Beneficiary

You have the right to designate, in a written form acceptable to the Plan Administrator, one or more primary and one or more secondary beneficiaries to receive any benefit becoming payable upon your death. Your spouse must be your sole beneficiary unless he or she consents to the designation of another beneficiary. You may change your beneficiaries at any time and from time to time by filing written notice of such change with the Plan Administrator.

If you fail to designate a beneficiary, or in the event that all designated primary and secondary beneficiaries die before you, the death benefit will be payable to your spouse, or if there is no spouse, to your children in equal shares, or if there are no children to your estate.

IN-SERVICE DISTRIBUTIONS AND LOANS

<u>In-service Distributions upon Normal Retirement Age</u>

In-service distributions may be made upon attainment of Normal Retirement Age. These distributions can be made from the following Accounts: All accounts.

In-service Distributions upon Early Retirement Age

In-service distributions may be made upon attainment of Early Retirement Age. These distributions can be made from the following Accounts: All accounts.

Hardship Withdrawals

General Rule. You may receive a distribution on account of hardship from the following Accounts but only if you are fully vested in such Account.

Elective Deferral Account, except certain earnings of your Elective Deferral Account may not be eligible for hardship withdrawal.

Your Roth Contributions may be withdrawn on account of financial hardship in the same manner as your regular Elective Deferral Contributions - but only if the withdrawal qualifies as a "qualified distribution".

Rollover Contribution Account.

Transfer Account.

Immediate and Heavy Financial Need. You may receive a hardship distribution only if the Plan Administrator finds that you have an immediate and heavy financial need where you lack other available resources. The following are the only financial needs considered immediate and heavy:

- (1) Expenses incurred or necessary for medical care, described in Code section 213(d), for you or your spouse, children, or dependents;
- (2) The purchase (excluding mortgage payments) of a principal residence for the Participant;
- (3) Payment of tuition and related educational fees for the next 12 months of post-secondary education for you or your spouse, children or dependents;
- (4) The need to prevent the eviction of you from your principal residence (or a foreclosure on the mortgage on your principal residence);
- (5) Payments for burial or funeral expenses for your deceased parent, spouse, children or dependents; or
- (6) Expenses for the repair of damage to your principal residence that would qualify for the casualty deduction.

Hardship distributions may be made for certain expenses of your primary beneficiary in addition to your dependents. These expenses include those for medical, tuition, and funeral expenses. A person is your "primary beneficiary" if that person is named as a beneficiary under the Plan and has an unconditional right to all or a portion of your Account Balance upon your death.

Amount Necessary to Satisfy Need. A distribution will be considered as necessary to satisfy your immediate and heavy financial need only if:

- (1) You have obtained all distributions, other than hardship distributions, and all nontaxable loans under all plans maintained by the Company;
- (2) Your Elective Deferral Contributions, if applicable, will be suspended for 6 months after the receipt of the hardship distribution; and
- (3) The distribution is not in excess of the amount of an immediate and heavy financial need (including amounts necessary to pay any federal, state or local income taxes or penalties reasonably anticipated to result from the distribution).

Attainment of Age 21

You may receive a distribution after you reach age 21 from all of your Accounts that are fully vested. Your Roth Contributions may be withdrawn on account of attainment of age 21 in the same manner as your regular Elective Deferral Contributions - but only if the withdrawal qualifies as a "qualified distribution".

Despite anything to the contrary above, the following account(s) are not allowed to be withdrawn until you reach age 59 1/2: Elective Deferral Account and Qualified Non-Elective Contribution Account.

After a Period Certain

You may receive a distribution from your Matching Contribution Account and Profit Sharing Account which has accumulated for at least 2 years, provided you are fully vested in such Account(s).

If you have been a Participant in the Plan for at least 5 Plan Years you are entitled to receive a distribution of your Matching Contribution Account and Profit Sharing Account regardless of the length of time the funds have accumulated, provided you are fully vested in such Account(s).

Withdrawals at Any Time

You may receive a distribution from your Rollover Contribution Account at any time.

In-Plan Roth Rollovers of Distributable Amounts

If you have money in a fully vested non-Roth Account that is eligible for a distribution from the Plan you may roll over the Account balance to a Roth (after-tax) Account under this Plan. If you roll over the payment to a designated Roth account in this Plan, the amount of the payment rolled over (reduced by any after-tax amounts directly rolled over) will be taxed. However, the 10% additional tax on early distributions will not apply (unless you take the amount rolled over out of the designated Roth account within the 5-year period that begins on January 1 of the year of the rollover). Any amount you rollover can be distributed at any time.

You may complete the transfer of the Account balance to a Roth account under this Plan beginning on January 01, 2011.

Rules Regarding In-service Distributions

The Plan Administrator may establish uniform procedures that include, but are not limited to, prescribing limitations on the frequency and minimum amount of withdrawals. All distributions will be made in the form of a single sum as soon as practicable following the valuation date as of which such withdrawal is made. Such distributions will be paid in cash or in kind. Only Employees are eligible to receive in-service distributions.

Loans

If you are an active employee you may apply for a loan from the Plan. Loans will only be made to persons who the Plan Administrator determines have the ability to repay the loan. The maximum amount of your loan is the lesser of:

- (1) \$50,000 minus the highest outstanding balance of loans in the past 12 months, or
- (2) one-half the present value of your vested Account balance.

Loans must be repaid over a period not extending beyond five years from the date of the loan, unless such loan is used to acquire a dwelling unit that, within a reasonable time (determined at the time the loan is made), will be used as your principal residence. The maximum loan term for a principal residence loan is 30 years.

The Plan Administrator will determine whether you may receive a loan from your Roth Contribution Account. If the Plan Administrator allows loans from your Roth Contribution Account, the Plan Administrator may specify an ordering rule for loans. The ordering rule will determine whether loans will be made first or last from your Roth Contribution Account or in any combination of your Roth Contribution Account and any other Account.

You must repay a loan in accordance with the repayment schedule or you may make a full or partial prepayment. You may refinance your loan if it meets the requirements for refinancing under IRS regulations. The loan will become payable in full on your termination of employment. The maximum number of loans outstanding at any one time is 1. The minimum loan amount is 1000. Payments will be made through payroll deduction from each regular paycheck.

Loan fees may be charged against the Account of the Participant to whom the loan is granted and the Plan Administrator may adopt any administrative rules or procedures that it deems necessary or appropriate with respect to the granting and administering of loans. Please contact the Plan Administrator if you would like more information regarding taking a loan from the Plan.

INVESTMENTS

Participant Self Direction

In General. The Plan Administrator allows you to direct the investment of all of your Accounts. The Plan Administrator may establish uniform guidelines and procedures relating to Participant self-direction.

Investment Elections. You may direct the percentage of your Accounts to be invested in one or more of the available investment funds. Your elections will be subject to such rules and limitations as the Plan Administrator may prescribe. After your death, your beneficiary may make investment elections as if the beneficiary were the Participant. However, the Plan Administrator may restrict investment transfers to the extent required to comply with applicable law.

Qualifying Employer Securities

The Trustee may not invest the assets of the trust fund in "qualifying employer securities" or "qualifying employer real property".

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Voting Rights

You may not direct the Trustee as to the exercise of voting rights with respect to any Trust Fund Investment.

Life Insurance

If the Plan Administrator approves your request, a portion of your Account may be used to purchase a life insurance contract on your life. The insurance contract must provide that proceeds will be paid to the Trustee. However, the Trustee must pay over all proceeds of the contract to your beneficiary in accordance with the distribution provisions of the Plan. The form and type of contract purchased will be determined by the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator may also establish rules that prohibit the purchase of life insurance where the annual premium is less than a certain minimum amount.

If the Trustee purchases a life insurance contract on your life and you do not die prior to retirement, the Trustee will either: (i) convert the entire value of any such life insurance contract at or before retirement into cash so that no portion of such value may be used to continue life insurance protection beyond retirement; or (ii) distribute the contract to you. The insurance contract may also be sold, transferred or exchanged as permitted under applicable prohibited transaction class exemptions or Department of Labor Regulations.

Valuation Dates

Accounts are valued each business day.

SPECIAL TOP-HEAVY RULES

Minimum Allocations

If the Plan is Top-Heavy, the Company will generally allocate a minimum of 3% of your Compensation to the Plan if you are a Participant who is (i) employed by the Company on the last day of the Plan Year and (ii) not a key employee.

Minimum Vesting

If you complete an hour of service while this Plan is Top-Heavy, all of your Accounts will be 100% vested and nonforfeitable.

CLAIM PROCEDURES

Application for Benefits. You or any other person entitled to benefits from the Plan (a "Claimant") may apply for such benefits by completing and filing a claim with the Plan Administrator. Any such claim must be in writing and must include all information and evidence that the Plan Administrator deems necessary to properly evaluate the merit of and to make any necessary determinations on a claim for benefits. The Plan Administrator may request any additional information necessary to evaluate the claim.

Timing of Notice of Denied Claim. The Plan Administrator will notify the Claimant of any adverse benefit determination within a reasonable period of time, but not later than 90 days (45 days if the claim relates to a disability determination) after receipt of the claim. This period may be extended one time by the Plan for up to 90 days (30 additional days if the claim relates to a disability determination), provided that the Plan Administrator both determines that such an extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of the Plan and notifies the Claimant, prior to the expiration of the initial review period, of the circumstances requiring the extension of time and the date by which the Plan expects to render a decision. If the claim relates to a disability determination, the period for making the determination may be extended for up to an additional 30 days if the Plan Administrator notifies the Claimant prior to the expiration of the first 30-day extension period.

Content of Notice of Denied Claim. If a claim is wholly or partially denied, the Plan Administrator will provide the Claimant with a written notice identifying (1) the reason or reasons for such denial, (2) the pertinent Plan provisions on which the denial is based, (3) any material or information needed to grant the claim and an explanation of why the additional information is necessary, and (4) an explanation of the steps that the Claimant must take if he wishes to appeal the denial.

Appeals of Denied Claim. If a Claimant wishes to appeal the denial of a claim, he must file a written appeal with the Plan Administrator on or before the 60th day (180th day if the claim relates to a disability determination) after he receives the Plan Administrator's written notice that the claim has been wholly or partially denied. The written appeal must identify both the grounds and specific Plan provisions upon which the appeal is based. The Claimant will be provided, upon request and free of charge, documents and other information relevant to his claim. A written appeal may also include any comments, statements or documents that the Claimant may desire to provide. The Plan Administrator will consider the merits of the Claimant's written presentations, the merits of any facts or evidence in support of the denial of benefits, and such other facts and circumstances as the Plan Administrator may deem relevant. The Claimant will lose the right to appeal if the appeal is not timely made. The Plan Administrator will ordinarily rule on an appeal within 60 days (45 days if the claim relates to a disability determination). However, if special circumstances require an extension and the Plan Administrator furnishes the Claimant with a written extension notice during the initial period, the Plan Administrator may take up to 120 days (90 days if the claim relates to a disability determination) to rule on an appeal.

Denial of Appeal. If an appeal is wholly or partially denied, the Plan Administrator will provide the Claimant with a notice identifying (1) the reason or reasons for such denial, (2) the pertinent Plan provisions on which the denial is based, and (3) a statement that the Claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to the Claimant's claim for benefits. The determination rendered by the Plan Administrator will be binding upon all parties.

Determinations of Disability. If the claim relates to a disability determination, determinations of the Plan Administrator will include the information required under applicable United States Department of Labor regulations.

MISCELLANEOUS

Domestic Relations Orders

Under certain circumstances, a court may issue a domestic relations order assigning a portion of your benefits under the Plan to a spouse, former spouse, child or other dependent. The Plan Administrator will determine whether the order is a qualified domestic relations order ("QDRO"). If the Plan Administrator determines that the order is a QDRO, it will implement the terms of the QDRO and divide your Account accordingly. You may obtain, without charge, a copy of the Plan's QDRO procedures from the Plan Administrator.

Disability

Under this Plan, you are disabled if you are mentally or physically disabled under uniform rules consistently applied to all Participants in like circumstances as determined by the Plan Administrator.

Assignment and Alienation of Benefits

Except as provided below, your Account is held in trust and cannot be assigned and, to the extent permitted by law, is not subject to any form of attachment, garnishment, sequestration or other actions of collection. You may not alienate, anticipate, commute, pledge, encumber or assign any of the benefits or

payments which you may expect to receive, contingently or otherwise, under the Plan, except that you may designate a beneficiary.

However, you may lose all or part of your balance:

- pursuant to the terms of a QDRO; or
- to comply with any federal tax levy.

Amendment and Termination

Although the Company intends to maintain the Plan indefinitely, the Company may amend or terminate the Plan at any time in its sole discretion. If any of these actions is taken, you will be notified. However, no such action may permit any part of Plan assets to be used for any purpose other than the exclusive benefit of participants and beneficiaries or cause any reduction in your vested Account balance as of the date of the amendment or termination. If the Plan is terminated, all amounts credited to your Account will become 100% vested.

Fees

Your Account may be charged for some of the costs and expenses of operating the Plan. Such expenses include the following:

The Plan may charge all Participants for the expenses of receiving a distribution following termination of employment (if applicable to the Participant) in the following manner: \$65; however, additional investment provider fees may apply.

The Plan may charge all Participants for the expenses of determining required minimum distributions (if applicable to the Participant) in the following manner: \$65; however, additional investment provider fees may apply.

The Plan may charge all Participants for the expenses of receiving an in-service withdrawal other than hardship (if applicable to the Participant) in the following manner: \$65; however, additional investment provider fees may apply.

The Plan may charge all Participants for the expenses of processing a domestic relations order (if applicable to the Participant) in the following manner: \$65; however, additional investment provider fees may apply.

If you obtain a loan, the Plan may charge an initial loan processing fee of \$150 plus any applicable investment provider's fees and an ongoing loan maintenance fee of additional investment provider fees may apply.

Fees listed above are subject to change. Please check with the Plan Administrator to be sure you have a current fee listing.

Insurance

The Plan is not insured by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) because it is not a defined benefit pension plan.

Administrator Discretion

The Plan Administrator has the authority to make factual determinations, to construe and interpret the provisions of the Plan, to correct defects and resolve ambiguities in the Plan and to supply omissions

to the Plan. Any construction, interpretation or application of the Plan by the Plan Administrator is final, conclusive and binding.

Plan Not a Contract of Employment

The Plan does not constitute, and is not to be deemed to constitute, an employment contract between the Company and any employee or an inducement or condition of employment of any employee. Nothing in the Plan is to be deemed to give any employee the right to be retained in the Company's service or to interfere with the Company's right to discharge any employee at any time.

<u>Waiver</u>

Any failure by the Plan or the Plan Administrator to insist upon compliance with any of the Plan's provisions at any time or under any set of circumstances does not operate to waive or modify the provision or in any other manner render it unenforceable as to any other time or as to any other occurrence, whether the circumstances are the same or different. No waiver of any term or condition of the Plan is valid or of any force or effect unless it is expressed in writing and signed by a person authorized by the Plan Administrator to grant a waiver.

Errors

Any clerical or similar error by the Plan Administrator cannot give coverage under the Plan to any individual who otherwise does not qualify for coverage under the Plan. An error cannot give a benefit to an individual who is not actually entitled to the benefit.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

1. The Plan Sponsor and Plan Administrator is Association of Free Lutheran Congregations.

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Phone number: 763-545-5631

Employer Identification Number: 41-0884943

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- 2. The Plan is a 401(k) profit-sharing plan. The Plan number is 001.
- 3. The Plan's designated agent for service of legal process is the head of the organization named in item 1. Any legal papers should be delivered to such person at the address listed in item 1. However, service may also be made upon the Plan Administrator or a Trustee.
- 4. The Plan's assets are held in a trust created under the terms of the Plan. The Trustees are James Rolf and Phillip Peterson. Their principal place of business is the address listed in item 1.
- 5. The Company's fiscal year and the Plan Year end on December 31.
- 6. If the Plan is established or maintained by two or more employers, you can obtain a complete list of the employers sponsoring the Plan upon written request to the Plan Administrator (this list is also available for examination by participants and beneficiaries); you may also receive from the Plan Administrator, upon written request, information as to whether a particular employer is a sponsor of the Plan and, if the employer is a plan sponsor, the sponsor's address.