

Constitution

Lutheran Theological Seminary Alumni Association

Clause I: NAME

Our name is Lutheran Theological Seminary Alumni Association, hereinafter refers to as “The Association” and the Chinese name is “信義宗神學院校友會”.

Clause II: AIM AND FUNCTION

Section 1: Aim

The Association is set up for the following purposes:

- (1) to support the development of the Lutheran Theological Seminary.
- (2) to strengthen fellowship among alumni.
- (3) to develop theological education and to promote church growth.

Section 2: Function

- (1) to disseminate updates and activities of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, to facilitate the connection between alumni and the Lutheran Theological Seminary and to enhance the alumni’s sense of belonging to the Lutheran Theological Seminary.
- (2) to encourage alumni to join the activities held by Lutheran Theological Seminary, coordinate alumni volunteers and support fund-raising projects, bible study day camp and Founder’s day.
- (3) to hold activities to sustain alumni connections.

Clause III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Categories of Members and Eligibility

- (1) according to the new institution, all graduates of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Lutheran Seminary, Lutheran Bible School, all current professors and board directors, are eligible to become basic permanent members of the Association. The one-off subscription fee is \$100.
- (2) according to the new institution, all basic members who have paid the one-off subscription fee (\$1000) will become Sunshine permanent members of the Association;
- (3) all members who have paid the one-off subscription fee(\$1000 or \$2000) will become Sunshine permanent members of the Association according to the new institution.
- (4) basic permanent members can become Sunshine permanent members by paying additional \$900 one-off subscription fee.

Section 2: Arrangement of Theological Education by Extension (TEE) Alumni Association Membership

All persons who joined TEE Alumni Association by 24 Nov 2023 automatically become members of the Association.

Section 2: Rights and Duties of Members

- (1) all members may attend the Annual General Meeting and all activities of the Association;
- (2) all permanent members and Sunshine permanent members are entitled to enjoy rights of election and rights of being elected;
- (3) all members have the duties to support and promote all resolution passed by the Association.

Clause IV: ORGANIZATION

Section 1: Annual General Meeting

The General Meeting of the Association is the highest authority and is formed by all members.

Section 2: Executive Committee

- (1) The Executive Committee is the highest administrative body of the Association when the session of the General Meeting is closed;
- (2) The Executive committee is formed by five to nine members who are elected among the permanent members;
- (3) The Executive Committee consists of the posts of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Audit. The President and Vice President are elected direct during the Annual General Meeting while all other posts are elected among the committee members themselves;
- (4) When any member of the Executive Committee registered as a student of the Lutheran Theological Seminary are not entitled to represent the Association as a member of the Board of Directors;
- (5) The Executive Committee may set up working groups when the need arises;
- (6) Each Executive Committee may serve a term of two years and may succeed for another two years when elected again. The maximum number of terms must not exceed three.

Section 3: Consultants

- (1) The serving President and Vice President, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Theological Seminary are ex-officio consultations of the Association.
- (2) The Executive Committee may invite suitable persons to become Consultants and Honorary President of the Association when the need arises.

Section 4: Chapters

The Association may consider setting up chapters outside Hong Kong depending on the needs.

Section 5: Meetings

- (1) The General Meeting will be held annually, being called by the President. The quorum for the Annual General Meeting is ten.
- (2) The Executive Committee will hold meeting once every quarter, being called by the President. Extra-ordinary meetings may be called for on special occasions. The Lutheran Theological Seminary will send a member of the staff as a representative to sit in.

Section 6: Finance

The finance of the Association comes from:

- (1) one-off subscription fees (amount to be determined by the General Meeting); and
- (2) special donations/offerings.

Section 7: Amendments to Constitution

- (1) The Executive Committee may recommend to the General Meeting for amendments to the Constitution for matters of imperfection.
- (2) The Current Constitution was passed by the Annual General Meeting on 29 November 2010.
- (3) The Current Constitution was passed by the Annual General Meeting on 29 November 2024.