

DCE Etc.  
Constitution  
Organization  
And  
Procedures

The purpose of DCE's Etc. in the Pacific Southwest District of the LCMS, is as follows:

- DCE's Etc. will seek to build personal faith in Jesus Christ, through Bible study, prayer and fellowship.
- DCE's Etc. will provide professional growth and support for specialized ministers.
- DCE's Etc. will provide personal growth opportunities and social interaction.
- DCE's Etc. will promote the DCE as a viable ministry of the church.
- DCE's Etc. will assist new specialized ministers in their assimilation into the regional cluster and the District.
- DCE's Etc. will serve as a resource for Synodical Training Programs.
- DCE's Etc. will hold each other accountable in the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry.

### Membership

The membership of DCE's Etc. shall be open to all DCE's, Deaconesses, Youth Pastors, Directors of Evangelism, Youth Workers, Lay Ministers, Children's Ministers, Family Ministers, and Adult Education Ministers.

Membership is divided into the following categories:

- Voting Member-Certified PSD DCE's only, certified by an LCMS DCE Training Program, (Votes on all issues)
- Associate Member-Paid Parish Professionals, (cannot vote on official District Resolution, but can vote on other group policies) English District DCE's are in this category.
- Interns, students, and others-May attend meetings and participate when invited (Non-voting on all issues)

### Officers

The President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasure, Public Relations Chairperson, shall be elected from the voting membership in the Spring and serve a two year term.

Officers are eligible for re-election to any position for no more than three consecutive terms of office. In the event of a vacancy in any offices, the remaining officers shall appoint a successor to fill the vacancy until the next official election ( at which time a successor will be officially elected.)

The President shall conduct the annual elections. Nominations for positions are to be submitted in writing to the President at least 30 days prior to the election. The President prepares a written ballot, which is submitted, to the membership for voting.

The Officers of DCE's Etc. and their duties are as follows:

#### President

- Shall hold a two year term and shall assume duties following the spring election.
- Shall be elected in even numbered years.
- Shall preside over the business meetings.
- Shall serve as chairperson of the Program committee and serve on the Fall Conference Committee.
- Shall represent the Conference to the District, the Synod and to the Administrators of the various DCE programs at our Synodical colleges.
- Shall seek to guide the organization in fulfilling its Statement of Purpose.

#### Vice President

- Shall preside in the absence of the President.
- Shall assume the duties of the President in the event of an unfilled term.
- Shall serve as a member of the Fall conference Planning Committee.
- Shall be elected every two years. (odd numbered years)
- Shall be responsible for coordinating the area Cluster groups.
- Shall be responsible for coordinating the mentoring program.

#### Secretary/Treasurer

- Shall take minutes of all regular business meetings and submit a report to the President.
- Shall serve a member of the Program Committee.
- Shall handle all financial transactions of the DCE's Etc. and report to the DCE's Etc. at least once a year.
- Shall be elected in even numbered years.

#### Public Relations Chairperson

- Shall keep an updated mailing list of all DCE's , and others in the District interested in the DCE's Etc. activities.
- Shall serve as the editor of DCE's Etc. mailings
- Shall offer public relation relases to the various media in the District and Synod with regard to the DCE ministry here in the District.
- Shall serve as a member of the Program Committee.
- Shall be elected in odd numbered years.

## Meeting Schedule

Official meetings of the Organization shall be a Fall Conference. An official meeting must include a quorum of 40% of the registered membership.

In addition to official meetings of the conference, monthly DCE's Etc. meetings shall be on the Third Thursday of each month. Sites and locations to be determined by the program Committee.

Regional Clusters are encouraged to meet at least monthly on an informal basis for fellowship and support. The clusters shall be divided as follows:

- Arizona (Amore)
- Tri-Valley (San Fernando Valley, Simi Valley and Ventura county)
- San Diego County
- Orange County
- Inland Empire (Riverside and surrounding areas)

Additional clusters may be added as necessary

## Funding, Revision, Dissolution

An annual fee (to be determined by the officers) will be charged to all Voting and associate members and interns. This will cover the cost of mailings, programming and other expenses of the Program Committee. Conference and Retreat fees will be assessed and collected by their respective committees.

This constitution may be changed or amended by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast in an official meeting of the Conference provided that the intention to amend the Constitution and the two-thirds majority of the votes cast in an official meeting of the Conference provided that the intention to amend the Constitution and the wording of the amendments proposed, shall be mailed by the Secretary to each voting member at least three weeks prior to the meeting.

Upon dissolution of this Conference all Conference funds will revert to the Pacific Southwest District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.