



April 2022

Dear St. John's Family,

During the Pandemic, God gave us time to get after some tasks that had been sitting around for a while. One of those tasks was updating our Governing Documents: our Articles of Incorporation, our Constitution, and our Bylaws. One of our members, Darryl Wold, led a very fine group of leaders in the complete revision of our documents, and they are now ready for the congregation's consideration. They are being posted on our web site, where members can read them online or download or print the complete documents or any portion of particular interest. We urge you to start your review with the "Introduction" that is posted with the documents – that will give you some background, and helpful guidance for your review.

We anticipate having these new documents on the agenda for our May 17 Congregational Assembly, as the Introduction explains further.

It is important that we recognize our historic ministry, but that we are not stuck in 1882. The ways we carry out our ministry has grown and changed to meet new challenges with each new generation and, honestly, according to changes in the state and federal laws that govern us. In keeping with best practices, we need to codify things to make them standard operating procedure.

We invite you to read the documents and think through what they say about how we do church life together. St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 14:40, "Let all things be done decently and in order." These documents lead us to do things right, well, and in an orderly manner.

Thank you so much to the Committee who handled this including Darryl Wold, Joan Willett, Larry Stoterau, and Boe Boezinger, the Trustees who patiently reviewed these documents provision-by-provision, and the other leaders and members in our congregation who contributed to this process.

God be with you and thank you,

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Chris Victoria,

President of the Congregation

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Rev. Timothy Klinkenberg

Senior Pastor