

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ORANGE

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS:

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

CONSTITUTION

BYLAWS

Adopted October 18, 2022

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HISTORICAL CHRONOLOGY OF ADOPTION
AND AMENDMENTS OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

February 19, 1882: Organization meeting and temporary Constitution adopted, signed by fourteen members.

July 13, 1883: Certificate of Incorporation issued by the California Secretary of State for Articles of Incorporation for The Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Congregation of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession of Orange, adopted January 2, 1883 and signed by sixteen of twenty members.

September 11, 1883: Constitution adopted.

May 4-14, 1887: The congregation is accepted as member of the Missouri Synod at the convention meeting in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

June 5, 1912: Articles of Consolidation and Incorporation filed with the California Secretary of State, consolidating The Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Congregation of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession of Orange and the Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery Association, under the former name.

March 11, 1941: Constitution adopted September 11, 1883 repealed, and new Constitution and Bylaws adopted.

July 7, 1941: Amended Articles of Incorporation filed with the California Secretary of State, changing the name of the congregation to St. John's Lutheran Church of Orange, and making other changes.

January 20, 1953: Certificate of Amendment filed by the California Secretary of State, adding a new Article X to the Articles of Incorporation, dedicating the property of the corporation exclusively to religious purposes.

May 1, 1988: Updates to the Constitution and Bylaws approved by a Congregational Assembly.

May 8, 1993: Updates to the Constitution and Bylaws approved by a Congregational Assembly.

October 5, 1997: Amended Constitution adopted by a Congregational Assembly.

March 19, 2002: Revised Bylaws adopted by a Congregational Assembly.

May 20, 2008: Revised Bylaws adopted by a Congregational Assembly.

October 18, 2022: Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation adopted at a Congregational Assembly; filed by the California Secretary of State on December 12, 2022.

October 18, 2022: Amended Bylaws adopted at a Congregational Assembly.

October 18, 2022: Amended Constitution adopted at a Congregational Assembly.

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PREAMBLE

Whereas, the Word of God demands that a Christian congregation not only conform to the Word of God in doctrine and practice (Psalm 119:105, Galatians 1:6-8, II Timothy 4:1-5), but also that all things be done decently and in order (1 Corinthians 14:40);

Therefore, the members of the congregation known as St. John's Lutheran Church of Orange set forth these Articles of Incorporation, this Constitution, and these Bylaws as our Governing Documents, duly adopted at meetings of the members entitled to vote, in accordance with which our congregational affairs, spiritual and material, shall be governed and conducted.