# Lutheran Student Movement of Raleigh, N.C. Constitution and By-Laws

#### PREAMBLE

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The name of this organization shall be Lutheran Student Movement of Raleigh, N.C., hereinafter referred to as LSM-RAL.

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The purposes of LSM-RAL shall be:

- A. To support and advance the strengthening and development of the faith and life of the believer through participation in the Community of Word and Sacrament.
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- G. To communicate and cooperate with fellow Christians in ecumenical concerns, and to provide opportunities for encounter with and witness to non-Christian persons and groups.

#### ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

- A. Voting members shall be all individuals who:
  - Are enrolled in an institution of post-secondary education in Wake County.
  - Find an identity in the Christian faith as confessed by the Lutheran churches.
  - 3. Have attended at least one LSM-RAL meeting or function within the last  $30\ \mathrm{days}$ .
- B. Associate members shall be all individuals who:
  - Find an identity in the Christian faith as confessed by the Lutheran churches.
  - 2. Are active in LSM-RAL.
- C. Honorary lifetime membership in LSM-RAL may be granted, by a majority of members present and voting at a general meeting, to those individuals who have significantly contributed to the realization of the purposes of LSM-RAL.

#### ARTICLE IV - THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. The Executive Committee shall include the following officers:
  - 1. The President, who shall:
    - a. Maintain frequent communications with all Executive Committee members.
    - b. Provide support and direction for LSM-RAL.
    - c. Implement decisions of LSM-RAL.
    - d. Represent LSM-RAL at meetings of the Lutheran Campus Ministry Committee, NCSU Cooperative Campus Ministry, and other organizations as deemed necessary, or make sure there is a representative at these meetings.
    - e. Preside over the LSM-RAL meetings.
  - 2. The Vice-President, who shall:
    - a. Implement the President's duties when the president is unavailable.
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    - c. Provide the President with other help where it is necessary.
    - d. Fill the remainder of the President's term, if for any reason, the president is unable to complete his/her term.

- 3. The Secretary, who shall:
  - Keep minutes from each general meeting and Executive Committee meeting.
  - b. Maintain a current membership list.
  - c. Maintain a current phone list.
  - d. Inform the members of the decisions of the Executive Committee.
  - e. Communicate with the Membership Committee.
  - f. Maintain necessary correspondence and records for LSM-RAL.
  - g. Make available to each member a copy of the LSM-RAL Constitution and By-Laws, and of the phone list.
  - h. Make a report at each general meeting, which shall include a reading of the minutes from the last general meeting.
- 4. The Treasurer, who shall:
  - a. Conduct all financial business of LSM-RAL.
  - b. Communicate with the Service Committee.
  - c. Make a financial report at each general meeting.
- B. Members of the Executive Committee shall be voting members of LSM-RAL.
- C. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall be elected biannually. The officers elected at the end of the spring semester shall serve during the summer and fall semester. The officers elected at the end of the fall semester shall serve during the spring semester.
- D. The Treasurer shall be elected at the end of the spring semester and shall serve for the entire year.
- E. No officer shall serve consecutively in the same position for more than one full year.
- F. In the event of a vacancy in the Presidential office, the Vice-President will assume the office of the President. In the event of a vacancy in the remaining offices, the remaining officers will appoint a voting member to that office.

## ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

- A. The following shall be standing committees:
  - 1. The Service Committee, which shall:
    - a. Identify and coordinate service projects.
    - b. Identify and coordinate improvements to the Lutheran Student Center.
  - 2. The Membership Committee, which shall:
    - a. Publicize LSM-RAL through a newsletter and other mailings.
    - Encourage prospective and current members to be active in LSM-RAL.

- 3. The Worship Committee, which shall:
  - a. Coordinate student worship and devotions in consultation with the campus pastor.
  - b. Recruit student greeters and lectors.
- 4. The Fellowship/Retreat Committee, which shall:
  - Plan and coordinate retreats designed to create community among students.
  - b. Plan and coordinate gatherings in cooperation with other student groups.
- 5. The Program Committee, which shall:
  - a. Make arrangements for speakers at LSM-RAL meetings and functions.
  - b. Work with Campus Ministry Committee to provide for Wednesday evening meals.
  - Plan and coordinate social functions, other than retreats, of LSM-RAL.
- B. Other committees may be formed as needed.
- C. The creation or removal of committees and the instruction of the committees may be accomplished by majority vote of the Executive Committee or by a majority of members present and voting at a general meeting.
- D. Committee chairpersons will be appointed by the President, barring objection from the Executive Committee.
- E. A committee chairperson shall determine the number of seats on his committee, which will be filled by volunteers on a firstcome, first-serve basis.
- F. Each committee chairperson shall make a report at the general meeting.
- G. Committee chairpersons shall attend Executive Committee meetings at the request of the President.
- H. Any committee formed whose activities involve the responsibility of an officer shall keep in communication with that officer.

## ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

A. General meetings of LSM-RAL, unless otherwise announced, will be on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the Lutheran Student Center. There shall be no quorum required for the transaction of business at general meetings.

- B. The Executive Committee shall meet a minimum of once a month. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the President. A quorum for the transaction of business at meetings of the Executive Committee shall be a majority of the members of that body.
- C. Committees shall meet a minimum of once a month. Meetings of individual committees shall be called by their respective chairpersons. A quorum for the transaction of business at meetings of an individual committee shall be a majority of the members of that committee.

#### ARTICLE VII - VOTING PROCEDURES

- A. Each voting member shall be granted one vote at the general meeting.
- B. The right of voice at the general meeting shall be granted to all members.
- C. Elections will be held at the last general meeting before exams. Nominations will be held at the last general meeting before elections.
- D. Election will be by simple majority.
- E. Members must be present to vote.

#### ARTICLE VIII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

In all matters not covered by its Constitution and By-Laws, LSM-RAL shall be governed by ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER as most recently revised.

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This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present and voting, provided that notice of each proposed amendment shall have been given in writing to all members or posted for all members at least two weeks prior to the vote.

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The executive committee shall include the following officers:

- 1. President
- 2. Vice-President
- 3. Secretary
- 4. Treasurer

Elections of the officers shall occur biannually. The officers elected to office at the end of the fall semester shall hold their possitions until the elections are held at the end of the following spring semester. In the spring, there will be officer elections for both summer and fall. The exception to this is the treasurer who will serve for the entire year from summer to spring. All officers shall serve no more than one full, uninterrupted year.

In the event of a vacancy in the Presidential office, the Vice-President will assume the office of the President. In the event of a vacancy in the remaining offices, the remaining officers will appoint a voting member to that office.

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- A. A quorum for the transaction of business, etc., at meetings of the Executive Committee shall be a majority of the active members of that body.
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- A. The following committees may be formed:
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    - This committee will:
    - a) identify and coordinate service projects.
    - b) report to the treasurer.
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    - This committee will:
    - a) publicize LSM-RAL through a newsletter and other mailings.
    - b) contact prospective and current students.
    - c) keep attendance records at all LSM-RAL meetings.
    - d) report to the secretary.
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    - This committee will:
    - a) coordinate student worship and devotions in consultation with the campus pastor.
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- c) report to the vice-president.
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  Any individual who is recognized to be enrolled in one or more of
  the instructional programs at any institution of post-secondary
  education in Wake County, which includes primarily North Carolina
  State University, Meredith College, Peace College, St. Mary's
  College, St. Augustine's College, Shaw University and Wake Technical
  Institute.
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keep minutes from each LSM-RAL meetings.

- 2. inform the members of the decisions of the executive committee.
- establish the presence of a quorum at business meetings.
- 4. communicate with the membership committee chairperson.
- 5. maintain necessary correspondence for LSM-RAL.
- D. Treasurer shall.
  - keep up with the group's financial situations.
  - 2. sponsor and be in charge of charity projects.
  - communicate with the service committee chairperson.



# North Carolina State University Division of Student Affairs

Department of Student Development Harris Hall Box 7314 Raleigh, NC 27695-7314 Telephone (919) 737-2441

March 20, 1987

Douglas Hefner, President Lutheran Student Movement - Raleigh 2723 Clark Ave. Raleigh, NC 27606

Dear Mr. Hefner:

Upon reviewing the constitution of the Lutheran Student Movement, I discovered that the disclaimer required by the university was not in your constitution. On the attached sheet, I have circled the disclaimer that is needed. Please see that it is included in your constitution and then send us a copy of your revised constitution. We will not be able to register your organization until this is taken care of.

Sincerely,

Martha Newton

Martha Newton Student Development



# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

To all our Lutheran Students we here at Holy Trinity extend a hearty welcome. Our congregation has over many years been a church home in Raleigh for countless numbers of students, and this tradition will continue as we are permitted to share with you opportunities for fellowship and worship.

This year we are fortunate to have the assistance of Mr. Tom Ridenhour, a 1965 graduate of our Southern Seminary, and currently doing graduate work at Duke University. Mr. Ridenhour will be calling in the dormitories, apartments and homes of as many of you as he can locate.

Also, please know that my office is open and the Lutheran Student Center in our church is always available to you. Many of our students come to the Center for study or recreation. Feel free to bring your parents to the Center, and if you have the urge to fix a hamburger or some other snack, the kitchen facilities there are for your use. Simply enter the lower level off Brooks Avenue and make yourself at home here.

Faithfully yours,

John W. Coleb. Pastor

#### Lutheran Student Association

The purpose of the L. S. A. shall be to confront its members with Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, with His church, and with His Call to disciple-ship; to bear witness in the academic community to the Gospel of Jesus Christ as confessed by the Lutheran Church; to afford a means whereby its members may deepen and express their Christian faith; and to carry the witness of our faith into the ecumenical ventures of the student world, within the one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. (Article II, Constitution of the Lutheran Student Association)

Who is the L. S. A. ?

The L. S. A. is an association of Lutheran Students on campus. Its members share both the Christian hope and the perplexities of the Christian who is involved in faith and learning. In the L. S. A., Lutheran Students find the fellowship which is basic to the "Holy Christian Church" because in this fellowship they strengthen each other and work together to fulfill the mission of the Church on the campus.

What is the L. S. A. ?

On every college campus there are many organizations, and each has its own valiant purpose. Among the campus groups there is one which does not claim to be an organization but rather a movement. This movement is the Student Christian Movement, and for us in the Lutheran Church, it is the Lutheran Student Association.

The L. S. A. is a fellowship of Christian Students. It confesses and professes as its one Lord, Jesus Christ. L. S. A. stands apart from other groups in that it is a worshipping community. L. S. A. finds in its membership those who are not only Christian students but also student Christians — students who find it imperative to study their faith with fellow students. The L. S. A. attempts to grasp a renewed meaning of the life and mission of the Church.

On the other hand, the L. S. A. is at its best only when it disperses into all the other activities of campus life -- in scholarship, clubs, and societies, student government. It is in the Christian Student realizing the reality of Christ in every friendship, in each act of love, that Christ's lordship is made known.

Because there are selves to be discovered -- yourself . . . . . Because there is a world in which to live -- your world . . . . Because there is good news for those selves and that world . . . . The Lutheran Student Association of America exists.

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A word of gratitude has strange powers.

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

#### FIRST EDITION

# September, 1965

THE ORB is published monthly for the Lutheran Students in the Raleigh area. The purpose of THE ORB is to provide a link between Lutheran Students and the Lutheran Church, and it is to be used to voice student concerns and opinions as well as information for students concerning items of interest of Holy Trinity.

## For Your Information:

Here are the telephone numbers that you may want to keep in case you want to call.

John W. Cobb, Pastor Parsonage - 787-5191 Church - 832-9687

Tom Ridenhour - Lay Associate Residence - 286-3044 (Durham) Church - 832-9687

You are cordially invited to worship and study with us on Sunday mornings. Services are conducted both at 8:30 a.m. and ll:00 a.m. Coffee and donuts are served at 9:30 a.m. in the Student Center in the basement of the Church. This is followed by class which is conducted by Tom Ridenhour, Lay Associate, for the church.

# WANTED: Student Writers:

Anyone wishing to contribute articles or art work to THE ORB, please do not hesitate to do so. This is your student paper and your help is needed to make it a success. Place your contribution in the Student Center at any time. Thank you!

# L. S. A. OFFICERS FOR 1965-1966

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# DAILY BREAD: By The Reverend A. Purnell Bailey

The spirit of gratitude can have far reaching effects. Gunnar Gustafson, a Swedish gentleman serving on the Cruiser 'Goeta Lejon' threw a bottle over the side into the North Sea with a message thanking the British people for the hospitality enjoyed by the Swedish cruiser's crew during the Cornation Naval Review at Spithead.

The bottle drifted more than 200 miles and washed ashore on the Sussex Coast, where it was picked up by two small boys whose parents sent it to the Mayor of Portsmouth. The Mayor passed the note on to the Duke of Edinburgh who, in turn, wrote a grateful note of acknowledgement to Mr. Gustafson in Sweden.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 1

8:30 - 11:00

Communion Sunday

October 10

Joint LSA meeting at Umstead Park with students from North Carolina State, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Duke University (more information below)

November 14

A full length movie "The Edge of the City" to be shown and followed by a discussion

December 12

Trip to Dorothea Dix State Hospital

January 9

LSA Meeting

Note: On Sunday, October 10, at Umstead Park between Durham and Raleigh the Lutheran Student Associations from North Carolina State, Dike, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Greensboro will hold a joint meeting. This meeting will be an all day affair with worship, lunch, lecture and discussion. Dr. John W. Dickson, professor of Art and Religion at U.N. C., Chapel Hill, will discuss what modern art says about man with the group. Make your plans now to attend this joint meeting. Transportation will be available from Holy Trinity to go to Umstead. Watch the piurch bullet.

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# LUTHERAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Lutheran Student Association, known as the L.S.A. meets at Holy
Trinity Lutheran Church once a month for a luncheon following the
11;00 o'clock church service. L.S.A. provides our Lutheran Students
an opportunity to meet each other, and it provides a program of interest
on varing topics.

As a part of our overall program with Lutheran Students we have a Student Center Program on Friday evenings which meets every week. This phase of our program includes recreation and discussion.

> Irvin Straw, Jr. Lutheran Chaplain, NCSU