

## MINNESOTA DISTRICT CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE – REPORT TO DISTRICT CONVENTION 2016

Our committee has been hard at work again this year. We have consulted with several congregations that are starting the process of revising their constitutions, and have provided guidance and answered questions for a number of others. Areas of concern include recent societal trends having to do with the Sixth Commandment, more specifically homosexuality and transgenderism. If you or your congregation have questions or seek guidance about church constitution matters, either in this area or any other, please contact one of us, listed below.

Perhaps the biggest news with the Constitution Committee itself is a changeover in its membership. Both Marvin Meihack and Pastor Tim Smith (St. Paul's, New Ulm) have completed long terms of service, and are rotating off of the Committee. Our district proffers them our gratitude for their years of careful service.

The Constitution Committee is made up of 3 members – 2 pastors and a member of the legal profession, often a lawyer or a judge. Pastor Kurt Hagen is chairman and Pastor Michael Killinger (Immanuel, Gibbon) also serves. Currently the district praesidium is searching for a third member of the committee. If anyone has names to suggest that might be suitable, please contact Second Vice President Dennis Klatt.

Respectfully submitted,

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