



**BY-LAWS FOR MISSION IN CHRIST
A CONGREGATION OF THE NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
STRAWBERRY POINT, IOWA**

As adopted by Mission in Christ Lutheran Church by Special Meeting of the
Congregation (June 24, 2018)

And

Ratified by the Congregation on February 3, 2019)

PREAMBLE

We, baptized members of the Church of Christ, responding in faith to the call of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, desiring to unite together to preach the Word, administer the Sacraments, and carry out God's mission, do hereby adopt these bylaws and solemnly pledge ourselves to be governed by their provisions. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Chapter 1.

VOTING MEMBERSHIP

- BL1.01. Voting Membership at Mission in Christ Lutheran Church, Strawberry Point, Iowa, shall be an annual enrollment (January 1-December 31) where worshiping participants sign a membership covenant each previous December, committing themselves to the NALC Confession of Faith (Constitution Chapter 2), the Common Confession (Lutheran Core, November 2005), and the promises made in the Affirmation of Baptism (Lutheran Book of Worship, p. 201). Members, at least 18 years of age, having been instructed in the Christian faith and the Lutheran Confessions and having signed a membership covenant shall have the right to voice and vote at all congregational meetings, as well as the right to hold positions of elected leadership. All requests for voting membership shall be submitted to and shall require the approval of the Church Council. Voting members may also hold concurrent membership in another Christian congregation.