

MALSM Constitution

We, Lutheran students, recognizing our identity in the Christian Faith as confessed by the Lutheran churches, and living in creative and dynamic relationship with those churches, frame this Constitution to inform and empower a faithful witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ in the academic community. It is our purpose to enable and facilitate that witness and service to which God calls local communities of faith in the world of higher education.

Article I-Name

This organization is the Mid-Atlantic Lutheran Student Movement, designated by LSM-USA as Region 8. The Mid-Atlantic Lutheran Student Movement will hereupon be referred to as MALSM. MALSM maintains voluntary affiliation with the Lutheran Student Movement in the United States of America (LSM-USA).

Article II-Purposes

The purposes of MALSM 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;
- B. To advance the understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its implications for the professional and occupational life of the believer in the world, and especially in the sphere of higher education;
- C. To enable and enlighten participation of believers in the serving ministry of Christ in the world;
- D. To provide a well-developed program of study, assembly, discussion, and action, which program shall provide for the statement of fellowship in Christ and of the social and intellectual concerns of campuses, of communities, and of the entire world.
- E. To encourage active participation in the life and mission of the Lutheran Churches;
- F. To promote Lutheran Unity in every possible way; and
- G. To communicate and cooperate with fellow Christians in ecumenical concerns, and to provide opportunities to encourage dialogue, encounter with, and witness to non-Christian persons and groups.

Article III-Membership

The members of MALSM are those who subscribe to the purposes stated above and qualify for membership according to the by-laws.

Article IV-Officers

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary & Newsletter Editor
- D. Treasurer & Retreat Coordinator
- E. Secretary for Ecumenical and International Concerns (SEICO)
- F. Webmaster/mistress
- G. Five Area Representatives
 1. Bay Area
 2. New Jersey
 3. Eastern Pennsylvania
 4. Central Pennsylvania
 5. Western Pennsylvania/West Virginia

Article V-The Council

Between electoral conferences, the affairs of MALSM are managed by the Council, whose duties, powers, and the matter of whose election or appointment are specified in the by-laws. This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Assembly. The notice of the proposed amendment must be given in writing to the Council at least forty-five (45) days prior to the annual meeting of the Assembly. Council shall be responsible for forwarding the proposed amendment to its members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of the Assembly.

Article VI-The Assembly

The powers of MALSM are vested in the Assembly. The Assembly convenes at each event during which elections are held, and at other events at the discretion of the President in consultation with the Council. The Assembly consists of members as defined in the by-laws.