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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE
OF THE GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR
AND ASSAM.

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Article I.

Name.

The name of this organisation shall be the Luther League of the Pracharakpan of the Parish, of the Iika of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran - Church in Chotanagpur and Assam.

Article II.

Aims and Objects. :-

The aims and objects of the organisation shall be :-

- (1) To help the young people of the congregation to grow and develop as Christians and to become more and more faithful to Christ, His Word and His Church;
- (2) To encourage the members to study the Scriptures, to learn hymns, to pray, to keep the morning watch, and to become responsible members of the congregation;
- (3) To provide an outlet for the energy of the members, by (a) the holding of devotional meetings, to be planned for and conducted, generally, by the members themselves, (b) by the holding of business meetings and social gatherings, (c) by the providing for the members opportunities to be of service in connection with the work of the congregation, with the task of evangelism, with adult literacy campaigns, with helping the aged, poor, ill and helpless etc,
- (4) To promote the study of the history Confessions, Missions and work of the Church as a whole and of the Lutheran Church in particular;
- (5) To encourage Christian Stewardship in respect of life, talents, money, service, time, etc;
- (6) To foster Christian love, fellowship and unity among the members and in the Congregation.

Article III.

Membership.

Any confirmed member of the Congregation who is not over 35 years of age, whether married or unmarried, shall be eligible for membership.

Article IV,

Officers and their Functions.

- (1) The Officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.
- (2) They shall be elected annually from among the members of the League in the Annual General Meeting.
- (3) They may be re-elected.
- (4) The President shall preside over the Ex. Committee meetings and the annual general meeting and shall look towards the development of the League in the Pracharakpan.
- (5) The Secretary shall, record the minutes of the Ex. Committee

meetings and of the annual general meeting, prepare the agenda of both in consultation with the President, convene the Ex. Committee meeting after ~~sample~~ consulting the President, convene the annual general meeting - the time and place for which shall be decided by the Ex. Committee - and shall correspond with the Parish, Ilaka, and G.E.L. Church League authorities.

(6) The Treasurer shall collect all the dues and donations, shall maintain accounts of income and expenditure, and shall spend money only on the orders of the Ex. Committee.

(7) The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President when the latter is absent or seriously ill.

Article V.

Ex. Committee and its Functions.

(1) The executive Committee shall consist of the four officers and of two others elected by the annual general meeting of the League.

(2) Its functions shall be, to organise and conduct the work of the League, to advise the officers, to arrange for devotional meetings, bhajan parties, Prachar melas, hockey and other games etc. to fix the time and place by the annual general meeting, and to carry out within its area, the orders and resolutions of the Parish and Ilaka League Conventions and of the G.E.L. Church Luther League. The Ex. Committee shall carry on its work in consultation with and under the supervision of the Ex. Committee of the Pracharakpan Panch.

(3) It shall meet at least once a month.

(4) This Committee and the Ex. of the pracharakpan Panch shall jointly appoint delegates for the Parish and Ilaka Luther League Conventions, at the rate of one delegate for every seven members to the Parish Conventions and of one for every fifteen members to the Ilaka Convention.

(5) It shall send its dues to the Parish League Convention and shall submit annual reports to it and to the Ilaka League Convention.

(6) It shall seek advice from the Pastor, the Catechists and other workers of the Church in the Parish.

Article VI.

Finance.

The income of the League shall consist of (a) a membership fee of one anna from each member, (b) a monthly subscription of one anna per member, (c) donations, and (d) offerings in the devotional meetings of the League.

Article VII.

Quorum.

For all business meetings one third of the members on the roll shall constitute a quorum.

Article VIII.

Amendments.

Amendments to this constitution shall be proposed at least three months before being considered and shall be presented in writing. All amendments must be approved by the Executive Committee of the Luther League of the G.E.L. Church, confirmed by the general meeting of the Luther League of the G.E.L. Church, and finally approved by the Church Council of the G.E.L. Church.

Article IX.
By-laws and Rules of Orders.

There shall be in line with those of other organisations of the G.E.L.Church and shall in no case be out of harmony with the letter and spirit of other organisations of the Church.

Parish Luther League Convention.

This Convention shall be held twice a year, at the parish headquarters or elsewhere, and shall be formed of delegates and visitors from the Pracharakpan Leagues. Each League shall be entitled to send one delegate for every seven of its members.

The Convention at its annual meeting shall elect a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall serve until the close of the next annual meeting. The three officers, together with three delegates elected at the same time as the officers, shall constitute the Executive Committee. This Committee shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to the Convention, such as programme, entertainment, etc.

The officers and the Committee members shall be eligible for there-election.

Two-thirds of the income received from the Pracharakpan Leagues shall be paid to the Ilaka League Convention.

The Parish League's Executive Committee shall work in consultation with and under the supervision of the Executive of the Parish Panch. The Executive of the Parish Panch shall approve the programme of the semi annual Convention.

This Convention shall be composed of the officers and Executive Committee members of the Parish League Conventions within the Ilaka and of delegates from the Pracharakpan Leagues at the rate of one delegate for every fifteen members.

It shall meet once a year.

All rules pertaining to the Parish League Convention shall hold for the Ilaka League Convention except (1) that two-thirds of the income received from the Parish League Conventions shall be paid to the Treasurer of the G.E.L. Church Luther League and (2) that the Executive Committee shall work in consultation with and under the supervision of the Executive Committee of the Ilaka Panch which Executive Committee shall approve the programme of the annual Convention.

The G.E.L. Church Luther League.

(1) It shall hold a Convention every two years, the Convention to be composed of delegates from the Ilaka Luther League Convention. These delegates shall be sent by the Ilaka Conventions or by its Executive along with the Executive of the Ilaka Panch at the rate of one delegate for every 25 members of all the Pracharakpan Leagues of the Ilaka.

(2) Its officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, to be elected at each Convention and to serve until the close of the following biennial Convention.

(3) Its Executive Committee shall consist of the four officers and of seven others, who shall be elected by the Convention and who shall serve until the close of the next Convention.

(4) The officers and the Executive Committee members shall be eligible for re-election.

(5) The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a year and shall be responsible for all of the work of the League.

It shall submit annual reports to the Church Council of the G.E.L.Church, shall secure the approval of the Church Council for the constitution and by-laws of the League and for all amendments to these documents, as well as for all relationships of the League

with external organisations or movements. It shall keep in touch with the G.E.L. Church Council and secure its approval of the programmes of the League Conventions and of all changes in policy or in activities.

Constitution and by-laws of the
Luther League of the Gosner,
Evangelical Lutheran Church in
Chota Nagpur and Assam.

Article I

Name.

The name of this organisation shall be the Luther League ^{of the} ~~of the~~ ^{পেচারাগাম} of the ~~parish~~, of the ~~Slaka~~ ~~of~~ the Gosner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chota Nagpur and Assam.

Article II

Aims and objects:-

The aims and objects of the organisation shall be:-

① To help the young people of the congregation to grow and develop as ~~children~~ Christians and to become more and more faithful to Christ, His Word and His Church;

② To encourage the members to study the Scriptures, to learn hymns, to pray, to keep the morning watch, and to become responsible members of the congregation;

③ To provide an outlet for the energy

of the members by (a) the holding of devotional meetings, to be planned for and conducted, generally, by the members themselves, (b) by the holding of business meetings and social gatherings, (c) by the providing for the members opportunities to be of service in connection with the work of the congregation, with the task of evangelism, with adult literacy campaigns, ^{with helping the aged, poor, ill, & helpless, etc.}

- ④ To promote the study of the history, Confessions, missions and work of the Church as a whole and of the Lutheran Church in particular;
- ⑤ To encourage Christian Stewardship in respect of life, talents, money, service, time, etc;
- ⑥ To foster Christian love, fellowship and unity among the members and ~~in~~ in the congregation.

Article III

Membership

Any confirmed members of the congregation who is not over ~~30~~ 35 years of age, whether married or

unmarried, shall be eligible for membership.

Article 4 IV

Officers and ^{their} functions

① The officers shall be a president, a vice president, a secretary and a treasurer.

② They shall be elected annually from among the members of the League in the Annual general meeting.

③ They may be re-elected.

④ The president shall preside over the St. Committee meetings and the annual general meeting, and shall look towards the development of the League in the parish parish.

⑤ The secretary shall, ~~take~~ ^{record} the minutes of the St. Committee meetings ~~as well as~~ ^{and} of the annual general meeting, prepare the agenda of both in consultation with the president, ~~and~~ ^{to} convene the St. Committee meeting after consulting the president, convene the annual general meeting, the time and place for which shall be decided by the St. Committee and shall correspond with the Parish, ^{and} ~~St.~~ ^{Church} League authorities.

⑥ The treasurer shall collect all the

dues and donations, ~~and~~ shall maintain account of income and expenditure, and shall spend ~~the~~ money ^{only on the orders of the Exec. Committee} ~~constituted by the president,~~

7 The vice-president shall ~~have the~~ ^{delegated} power to perform the duties of the president when the latter is absent or seriously ill.

Article 5
Exec. Committee and its functions

1 The executive committee shall consist of the four officers and of two others elected by the annual general meeting of the League.

2 Its function shall be, to ^{organise} ~~supervise~~ the work of the ~~League~~ ^{League} ~~to advise the~~ ^{+ conduct} ~~to arrange for devotional meetings, bhajan parties, Prachar melas, hockey + other games, to fix the time and place for the annual general meeting, and to carry out the orders and resolutions of the Parish + Jhalca Hata League ^{Conventions and of the} Church ^{within its area} Luther League. ^{within its} The Exec. Com. shall carry on its work ^{area} at least once a month.~~

3 It shall meet ^A in consultation with ^{+ under the} supervision of the Exec. Com. of Prachar at Pan Panch.

This Committee shall appoint delegates for the Parish

(4) It shall ~~affiliated~~ ~~the~~ ~~Luther League~~ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~Parish~~ and ~~Glaka~~ Luther League Conventions, at the rate of one

~~It shall send delegates and~~ ~~visitors to the annual general~~ delegate for every seven members to the Parish Con-
vention ~~of one delegate for every fifteen members to~~ ~~the Glaka Convention.~~ ~~its dues amount~~

(5) It shall send its dues ~~amount~~ to the ~~Parish League Convention~~ ~~of the Parish~~ Leagues and shall submit annual reports to ~~its~~ ~~higher~~ ~~authorities~~ and to the Glaka League Convention.

(6) It shall seek advice from the pastor, the catechists and other workers of the church in the parish.

Article VI

~~Funds~~ Finance

The ~~income~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~League~~ shall consist of (a) membership fee of one anna ~~from each member~~, (b) a monthly subscription of one anna ~~per member~~, (c) donations, and (d) offerings ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~divisional~~ meetings of ~~the~~ ~~League~~.

Quorum

For all business meetings one-third of the members on the roll shall constitute a quorum.

Article VIII

Amendments.

Amendments to this constitution shall be proposed at least three months before being considered and shall be presented in writing. All amendments must be approved by the Executive Committee of the Luther League of the Y. E. L. Church, ~~and~~ ~~must be~~ confirmed by the General Meeting of the Luther League of the Y. E. L. Church, and finally approved by the Church Council of the Y. E. L. Church.

Article IX

By-laws and Rules of Order.

These shall be in line with those of other organizations of the Y. E. L. Church and shall in no case be out of harmony with the letter and spirit of ~~those of other organizations of the Church~~ ~~Y. E. L. Church~~.

Parish Luther League Convention.

This Convention shall be held twice a year, at the parish headquarters or elsewhere, and shall be formed of delegates and visitors from the Pracharakpan Leagues. Each League shall be entitled to send one delegate for every seven of its members.

The Convention at its annual meeting shall elect a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, who shall serve until the close of the next annual meeting. The three officers, together with three delegates elected at the same time as the officers, shall constitute the Executive Committee. This Committee shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to the Convention, such as programme, entertainment, etc.

The officers and the Committee members shall be eligible for re-election. Two-thirds of the income received from the Pracharakpan Leagues shall

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be paid to the Dalca League Convention.
 The Parish League's Executive Committee shall work in consultation with & under the supervision of the Executive of the Parish Panch. The Executive of the Parish Panch shall approve the program of the Dalca Luther League Convention.

This Convention shall be composed of the officers & Executive Committee members of the Parish League Conventions within the Dalca & of delegates from the Pracharakpan Leagues at the rate of one delegate for every fifteen members.

It shall meet once a year. All rules pertaining to the Parish League Convention shall hold for the Dalca League Convention except that two-thirds of the income received from the Parish League Conventions shall be paid to the Treasurer of the G.E.

R. Church Luther League Executive Committee shall work in consultation with & under the supervision of the Executive of the Dalca Panch which shall approve the program of the annual Conventions.

The V.E.H. Church Luther League.

(1) It shall hold a Convention every two years, the Convention to be composed of delegates from the Glacka Luther League Conventions. These delegates shall be sent by the Glacka Conventions ^{and selected by the Glacka Conventions} at the rate of ^{one} delegate for every 25 members of the ~~total~~ ^{total} ~~Pracharakpan~~ Leagues.

(2) Its officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, & a Treasurer, to be elected at each Convention & to serve until the close of the following biennial Convention.

(3) Its Executive Committee shall consist of the four officers and of seven others, who shall be elected by the Convention & who shall serve until the close of the ^{next} ~~following~~ Convention.

(4) The officers & the Exee. Com. members shall be eligible for re-election.

(5) The Exee. Com. shall meet at least once a year and shall be responsible for all of the work of the League.

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It shall submit annual reports to the Church Council of the G. E. L. Church, shall secure the approval of the Church Council for the constitution & by-laws of the League & for all amendments to these documents, as well as for all relationships of the League with external organizations or movements. It shall keep in touch with the G. E. L. Church Council & secure its approval of the programmes of the League & of all changes in policy or activities.

End

Staka Luther League Covenant

- Section A Executive Committee
- ① There shall be an executive committee consisting of a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer and three additional members who shall be elected annually by the Staka League annual general meeting, to be held in the beginning of each year.
 - ② They shall be eligible for re-election.
 - ③ ~~The~~ ^{the} committee shall fix as the place and date, and the programme of the general meetings.
 - ④ It shall meet once in three months.
 - ⑤ The powers ^{of the office} shall be as those of the parish officer, except that they have jurisdiction is over an ~~Staka~~ ^{Staka} Luther League.
 - ⑥ ~~The~~ ^{the} Staka Luther League Executive Committee shall carry out the ~~orders~~ ^{resolutions} of the ~~Central~~ ^{Central} Executive Committee ^{of the E.L. Church Luther League} and decisions.
 - ⑦ It shall receive and pay dues as prescribed by from time to time by the Executive of the Luther League of the ~~Staka~~ ^{Staka} Church. ~~or the Central Executive Committee.~~ It shall receive one third of the total

income of the parish Luther League.

Section B

General meetings -

This shall be ~~the~~ ^{Slaka} general meetings of the Luther League at least ~~twice~~ ^{once} in a year. One ~~member~~ ^{delegate} or delegate for every ten members on the roll shall attend the general meeting.

Article XI

The C. E. L. Church

Luther League of the C. E. L. Church

Section A. - Central Executive Committee -

1. The ~~central~~ Executive Committee shall consist of a president, a secretary, a vice-president and treasurer and seven additional members to be elected biennially at a general meeting of the Luther League of the C. E. L. Church.

2. They shall be ~~eligible~~ ^{eligible} for re-election.

3. The officers shall perform the same functions as those of the parish or Slaka ^{League} ~~same~~ that their jurisdiction shall be over the Luther League of the C. E. L. Church.

- ④ The president shall correspond with outside bodies, ~~of inside the church or outside~~ but shall seek the advice of the ~~Central~~ Executive Committee on all important matters. A copy of every letter sent out shall be sent to the secretary.
- ⑤ The treasurer shall receive one third of the ^{total} income from the ~~Slaka~~ ^{Slaka} Luther League and shall raise funds by donations and other sources.
- ⑥ The ~~Central~~ Committee shall meet ~~as business demands~~ at least once a year, to fix place, date and program.
- ⑦ It shall fix the biennial general meeting of the Luther League of the G.F.L. Church.

Section B

Biennial general meeting of the Luther League of the G.F.L. Church.

- 1. It shall be attended by delegates from Slaka Luther League at the rate of one delegate for every 20 members.
- 2. Its programme shall be approved by the officers of the G.F.L. Church.
- 3. Its ^{biennial} report shall be sent to the G.F.L. Church Council and to all Slaka Luther League.

— End. —

To

N. 16/47

The Secretary

G. S. L. Church Council

Ranchi

Hazaribagh the 24th March '47

S. U.

Sir,

With reference to my letter to you No. 4/47 of the 8-2-47, I beg to remind you that I have applied to the Church Council for any kind of financial help that can be available to the Lutheran Students union for its annual conference that is to meet at Lhordagu in May 1947. No decision, either, has yet been communicated to me.

I, therefore, would request you to kindly inform me of the decision

at your earliest
convenience thereby
enabling me to
adopt some other
means, if the C.C.
fails to help the
L.S. Union.

Thanking you in a highly
— Yours Sincerely,
— Thos. E. How
Secretary L.S.U.
Harrisburg

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The Secretary,
G. E. L. Church,
Ranchi.

C. M. S. Girls' High School,
Santal Pargana.

Sir,

The Lutheran Student Union is going to hold its annual conference in May for three days at Lohardaga. The previous experiences have told us that one of the reasons why the conference is not successful, is the shortage of funds. We generally manage the mess by each paying for his or her meals. The students find it difficult to meet the expenses, and therefore many students cannot attend the conference. When we have a small gathering and a small fund we feel discouraged. Therefore the Councils help with some money and thus enable it to carry on its work successfully.

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The Union will gratefully accept
 whatever help it receives from the
 Church Council. The Church Council
 is the only hope of the Union and
 we do expect a willing help from
 the Church Council.

Please let me know at your
 earliest convenience of the decision
 of the Church Council on this matter.

I received a letter from
 Secretary of the Lutheran Student
 League here and he has been
 talking to you about it.

The League is very interested
 in your work and we have
 been all very busy with
 the League. We are all
 very sincerely,
 Lucy Parson.

President
 Lutheran Student League

To

S.F.U. 12/11
The Church Secretary,
G.F.L.C. Ranchi.

Hazaribagh the 2nd month
1947

Sir,

Mr. Salan Peter Topno
(Ranchi) is being nominated
as a Luth. College Student delegate
to the Mahasabha in place
of Miss Dulari Topno (Ranchi),
the latter being unable to
attend the Mahasabha.

Another delegate is Mr. Nimal
Ming from Hazaribagh, the
bearer of this letter.

Best wishes to the Maha-
sabha from the Luth. Students
Union.

Yours Sincerely,
Nimal Enem Hoso
Secretary Luth. S.U.
Hazaribagh

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From
The Secretary,
Lutheran Students Union,
Hageribagh.

Dated the 8th Feb 1947

To
The Secretary,
G. E. L. Church Council,
Ranchi.

Sir,
I beg to state that the Lutheran Students Union which mainly aims at fostering fellowship and promoting christian ideals among its members for the betterment of the Lutheran Church and Society, is going to have its Annual General Conference at Lohardaga sometimes in May 1947. This union for all practical purposes depends upon the Co-operation, help and patronage of the G. E. L. Church. Last year, the C. C. made arrangements of rice during its General Conference at Ranchi. This year too, this Union hopes to get some sort of help from the C. C.; and with this end in view I, on behalf of the L. S. U. apply to the C. C. for any kind of help that can be available.

Further, Sir, may I note that I have not yet been informed anything regarding the ensuing G. E. L. Church Mahasabha. You, perhaps know that this Union is due to send two delegates to the Mahasabha. Will you please, therefore, inform me about the same at your earliest convenience, so that the names of the students delegates to the Mahasabha might be sent to your office in time.

Thanking you very much,

With regards,

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your m. o. servant,
Niral Enev Horo,

Secretary Luth. Students Union

Received
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the pres. of the
L. S. U.
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