

Longview Clergy Coalition

Established February 24, 2011

1. A coalition of Christian clergy in the greater Longview area who **model Christian unity and work for community wholeness.**
2. The group will be called Longview Clergy Coalition.
3. The coalition will attempt to provide:
 - a) Personal and professional support amongst pastors/ministers
 - b) Cooperation amongst our congregations
 - c) Voice a Christian perspective in our civic community
 - d) Provide spiritual leadership in our community (MLK prayer service, National Day of Prayer, etc.)
4. The coalition functions through:
 - a) reflecting the Kingdom of God in our time and place
 - b) encouraging ongoing dialogue
 - c) building relationships
 - d) helping one another
 - e) promoting wholeness in service to our community
 - f) speaking out with a common voice
 - g) modeling Christian unity.
5. The Longview Clergy Coalition (LCC) will be composed of ordained or licensed pastors/ministers who choose to voluntarily join the coalition.
 - a) A simple membership form will be required.
 - b) Annual recommended dues are \$100/year, but the coalition desires that no one be excluded due to economics.
6. LCC will hold monthly regular meetings at dates and times as decided by the members.
7. LCC will have a governing board.

- a) The board will have 7 members.
 - b) Board members will be elected by the membership by written ballot in October, with term starting in November.
 - c) Board members will serve 2 year term, with staggered terms (Four to be elected in even number years and three to be elected in odd numbered years.)
 - d) Board members may serve 2 consecutive terms.
 - e) In beginning the LCC, a board of 7 members will be appointed by consensus and will serve until October 2011, at which point there will be an election of board members. The top three vote getters will serve a two year term and the other four will serve a one year term.
8. LCC will have an executive director. This person will assist the Board in contacting ministers and in helping move forward the efforts of the LCC. The job description and modest compensation will be set by the Board and reviewed by the membership.
9. LCC will provide the membership with quarterly financial statements.

This accepted by consensus on February 24, 2011. Future modifications can be made by a 2/3 majority of the current members present with one month prior notice.

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Trial Change to Board Operations

Approved March 28, 2013

Based upon experience, it seems desirable to shift as much 'business' of LCC to the Board and to online communication with the members. This will allow the regular meetings to be focused on more sharing of prayer concerns, such discussions as those present seem inclined to, and support of one another. Therefore, the following proposal is submitted to the members for feedback:

The LCC shall establish a website: www.christianlongview.org to serve as a clearing point for information of direct interest to Christian ministers in the Longview area. The Board, with input from the members will direct its ongoing development.

The Board shall conduct its business primarily through monthly meeting, with supplemental e-mail or phone conversations. The following points shall serve to guide the Board:

- 1) The goal is active Board member involvement in support of the mission of LCC.
- 2) The Board shall discuss possible activities and discern if there is a need to solicit input from the members. If input is needed, it generally will be solicited by email asking for written response. It is expected that rarely will it be necessary to take time at a regular meeting for discussion.
- 3) The members present at a regular meeting can raise from the floor concern over the actions of the Board and vote to modify the course of action for LCC.
- 4) If members wish to present something to the Board they can either submit it in writing to the Executive Director or the Chair.
- 5) Only after consultation with the Board shall the Executive Director place any individual or organization on the Board meeting agenda.
- 6) The Board can select to have face to face meetings, or teleconference or web based. Participants unable to attend a live meeting can be allowed to call in for participation.
- 7) The time and place for these Board meetings is up to the Board, but should be communicated to the membership.
- 8) The Board shall meet during at least 9 months of the year.

The Regular Meetings shall be held on a monthly basis. The following shall guide these meetings:

- 1) Place and time shall be decided with approval of the majority of the voting members via email communication. These shall generally be set at least 60 days in advance.
- 2) If there is a special need, an additional meeting can be called by the Board.
- 3) The meeting shall primarily be for discussion amongst the ministers and for sharing prayer.

This proposal was presented to the ministers present at a regularly scheduled meeting March 28, 2013. It was approved for use on an experimental basis for 6 months with a decision to make necessary modifications to the Constitution prior to the completion of the trial period. This experiment can be abandoned or modified by vote of the members after discussion by the Board.