## Constitution Survey Results

81 Surveys returned ( 28 electronic, 53 printed)
(Blank indicates no entry for that question.)

1. Should there be one or two congregational meetings per year?

2. The quorum for a congregational meeting should be what percentage of voting members ( $10 \%, 15 \%, 20 \%$, Undecided)?

3. Should the Pastor be President of this Congregation?

4. Should the pastor be a voting member of all committees and boards of this congregation, except for the Audit Committee?

5. Should the president of this congregation be a voting member of all committees and boards of this congregation, except for the Audit Committee?


Comments on printed forms:
\#1 On meetings:

- 1 Meeting in May
- Although we could do elections and budget in November and do a goal setting meeting in May. I like the idea of getting together twice.
- If one meeting should be in November with new Council starting in january.
- Yes 2, but they need to align with each purpose. Fiscal in Nov is ok, but maybe a little earlier for elections.
- Between services
\#2 On quorum:
- I understand that more is better in a blanket statement, with $100 \%$ ideal. $20 \%$ is a challenge. The logic of more is better will resonate with people but this will restrict ability to act if for whatever reason we cannot make 20\%.
- What is the ELCA norm? Last please note the question at bottom as this ability would help (absentee question). I anticipate this will be $20 \%$ as a vote
- $25 \%$
- The more cong members involved the better. I feel 2 mtgs help the cong be involved. Lessening \% to $10 \%$ would not encourage cong. involvement.


## \#3 Pastor as President

- Undecided and not overly concerned either way.
- At least on Executinve Committee
- Undecided. Without knowing who the pastor will be. If Pastor Scott had not been President, Messiah Lutheran Church may not be here.


## \#4 Pastor ex officio

- If not, still should have a vote on council, and be a member of the nominating committee ( $w /$ or $w /$ out a vote) (depending on thoughts of all). Even without a vote would work as long as pastro is on the committee.
- Pastor should be voting member either as president or not as president of council.
- I am passionate that Pastor must be voting member of executive committee.
- Some (instead of "all" committees)
\#5 President ex officio
- Council and Excom automatically, others only just like everyone else.
- If Pastor is not president, then this list should be shorter than ALL.
- Yes if \#3 is no.
- If Pastor is president, yes.
- Only as a tie breaker.

Other:

- Was there consideration of allowing absentee ballots or voting on issues such that someone with a conflict could record a vote in advance and be included as a person in the quorum count?

