

- f. That the functions of the SCVLP will be to:
- 1) facilitate communication among congregations of the parish,
  - 2) assist in planning and in implementing programs and events to strengthen ministries,
  - 3) plan new ministry development,
  - 4) implement strategic planning goals,
  - 5) assist in allocating human and financial resources,
  - 6) relate to others committed to justice/advocacy and service/ministry, and
  - 7) represent the ELCA in the public arena in Santa Clara County.
- g. That funding for operation of the SCVLP come from congregations and ministries within the parish.
- h. That the organization of the parish be:
- 1) an annual or semi-annual assembly with lay and clergy delegates selected by congregations in the same way and the same proportion as they are selected for synod assemblies;
  - 2) a parish council that meets quarterly with one lay or one clergy voting member from each of the 22 organized congregations elected by the congregation for 3-year staggered terms, each with a 2-term limit, and one lay or one clergy voting member from each of the following four groups of special ministries elected by those groups of ministries for 3-year staggered terms, each with a 2-term limit:
    - a) schools (pre-schools, early learning centers, day-care centers, schools, etc.);
    - b) agencies and institutions (Lutheran Campus Ministry, Lutheran Social Services, Sunny View Home, etc.);
    - c) youth ministries (SLY, Santa Clara Valley Lutheran Youth, etc.); and
    - d) other special ministries not represented in any way in the above two categories (chaplains, etc.);
  - 3) two officers, a Dean and a Secretary/Treasurer, elected in alternating years by the assembly for terms of two years, each with a 2-term limit;
  - 4) four standing committees:
    - Outreach/Evangelism
    - Service/Ministry
    - Advocacy/Justice
    - Leadership Development & Support
 each comprised of 5 or 6 members of the Parish Council and, as needed, other co-opted members from the congregations of the parish,