



LAESTADIAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

212 West 3rd Street, Monticello, MN 55362
763-479-2422 | info@llchurch.org | www.llchurch.org

July 22, 2026

Dear Chairman of Coastal California Laestadian Lutheran Church,

At the July 3, 2026, LLC Annual Meeting, the Phoenix Laestadian Lutheran Church, an LLC member congregation from the Southwest Mission Area presented a motion pursuant to Article II, Section 9 of the LLC Bylaws regarding the continued membership of Coastal California Laestadian Lutheran Church (CCLLC) in the Laestadian Lutheran Church (LLC).

The motion stated that from the body of delegates, LLC board and staff are encouraged to move forward with the steps necessary to expel CCLLC from LLC and enlist counsel as necessary. The delegates voting in favor of the motion were 61. Motion opposed by 1.

The proposed action is based upon the statements that CCLLC is no longer acting in accordance with the LLC Constitution, Bylaws, and decisions of the LLC. It is stated that the congregation no longer shares the unity of faith and spirit described in Section VI of the Constitution and has not complied with decisions made by the LLC as contemplated by Article II, Section 9 of the Bylaws, including, but not limited to the following:

- has publicly rejected the decisions of the LLC Annual Meetings;
- has sought to overturn prior decisions of the delegates regarding membership matters;
- continues to conduct itself in a manner that the delegates believe is inconsistent with the unity of faith and spirit described in Section VI of the Constitution and Article II, Section 1 of the Bylaws; and
- is no longer acting in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, and decisions of the LLC as described in Article II, Section 9.

The following are the proposed events to come:

1. This letter serves as written notice to CCLLC of the delegates' action and the reasons supporting the proposed consideration of your membership status.
2. CCLLC is provided an opportunity to submit a written response to the LLC Board of Directors and 2026 LLC Congregation Delegates. The Board requests any response be received no later than **September 4, 2026**.
3. The Board of Directors has called a special virtual meeting of the delegates on **October 1, 2026**, to act on the motion regarding CCLLC's membership in the LLC pursuant to Article II, Section 9 of the LLC Bylaws.
4. In the event the motion to expel the CCLLC, is approved, the effective date of the expulsion will be October 10, 2026.
5. At any time, CCLLC can voluntarily disband or remove themselves as a LLC member congregation.

Above all, we continue to pray that God could awaken the lost and straying to a place of individual repentance.

On behalf of Laestadian Lutheran Church Board of Directors and 2026 LLC Annual Meeting Delegates,
Arvin Pirness, LLC Executive Director