



THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES



Article I: NAME

This organization shall be named THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES and herein may be referred to as the ICC.

Article II: MISSION STATEMENT

The Illinois Conference of Churches seeks to be an inclusive community of churches that celebrates and makes visible our sacred bonds of unity in Christ. We will do this by:

Promoting an honest sharing and understanding of both our common and divergent theological convictions; and

Making public, prophetic witness to Christ's love for all people, particularly by addressing poverty and racism.

To these ends the Members of the Illinois Conference of Churches proclaim our common faith in Jesus Christ. In word and deed, we give expression to Ephesians 4:5 – there is "...one Lord, one faith, one baptism..." – as we unite in cooperative ministries.

Article III: MEMBERSHIP

- A. The membership of the ICC shall be those judicatories within the State of Illinois which affirm the ICC MISSION STATEMENT to proclaim our common faith in Jesus Christ. Participation in the Annual Assembly and financial contribution to the general budget is the minimum involvement expected of members. Individual organizations and congregations not represented by a judicatory may be admitted to membership as ecumenical partners with voice but not vote.
- B. Admission to membership shall be recommended by action of the Leadership Team to the Annual Assembly for ratification.

Article IV: ORGANIZATION

- A. The Members of the ICC will gather in an Annual Assembly. The Assembly shall be led by a Leadership Team.
- B. The ICC shall perform its ministry through the appointment of Mission Teams elected by the Annual Assembly.

Article V: AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution shall be:

- A. By recommendation to the Annual Assembly by the Leadership Team.
- B. Authorized by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Annual Assembly.

This Constitution is recommended by the Leadership Team on September 29, 2006 and Ratified by vote of the General Assembly on September 29, 2006.