

Proposed Bylaw Amendment – Contribution of Record

The Church Council is proposing an update to clarify how “contributions of record” are defined for membership and voting purposes. Under this amendment, a contribution of record includes any financial gift to the church’s general fund made in the current or previous calendar year, with no minimum amount required.

The amendment also recognizes in-kind gifts (such as donated professional or skilled services) as contributions of record, though these will not be assigned a monetary value for reporting purposes. Additionally, the Council will provide guidance in determining what kinds of gifts qualify as documented financial contributions.

This proposed amendment will be presented for congregational review and vote at the upcoming Annual Meeting.

Bylaw

1.4. A contribution of record is defined as a contribution made in the current or preceding calendar year to the general fund of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (the One Fund or such other name as the general fund is designated). There is no minimum amount required as we are called to give what we have decided in our hearts to give.

- The Church may also receive donations of services, including professional or skilled labor provided without compensation (In-Kind Gifts) which will be considered as a contribution of record in the year the gift is made; such gifts however will not be assigned a monetary value by the Church for receipting or reporting.
- Only gifts that directly benefit the Church will be considered “documented financial contributions”. Any question as to whether a gift made to the Church is a “documented financial contribution” will be resolved by the Church Council.

*proposed amendment highlighted in yellow