

Christ the Rock Lutheran Church

In the early winter of 2008, a small group of concerned members of Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church, Carlsbad, CA began meeting to discuss the church's change of direction. A change of direction or emphasis on the Ablaze Movement, contemporary worship, the church growth movement, advocating and usage of Rick Warren materials to name a few. Other concerns were the rising church debt to support many of the aforementioned issues, constitution revisions and a worship committee whose objective was to visit churches with contemporary worship services, meet with their leadership and bring back ideas to aid Redeemer's contemporary worship service and increase church membership.

The meetings also came about after repeated conversations with the pastor, other members and church leaders to no avail concerning the direction our church was going. After several months of meetings and discussions, we decided to contact the United Lutheran Mission Association (ULMA). Our correspondence with ULMA led to my participation in a telephone conference with ULMA during their annual meeting (August 2008). That was followed by Alan Ruwe, ULMA Chairman, and Pastor Jack Cascione, ULMA Commission Member, meeting with us in Carlsbad (November 2008).

The meeting was very encouraging and we continued our exploration with ULMA that led to drafting a constitution a couple of weeks later. We reviewed and approved the constitutional draft, the name of our church (Christ the Rock Lutheran Church) and submitted to ULMA for their approval. Once ULMA approved our constitution, we secured temporary locations for worship services and held our first service on February 8, 2009 presided over by Pastor Brock Abbott.

All of this occurred by the grace and guidance of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and much prayer by our members.

**Submitted by
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