

Constitution Proposed Changes Highlights

Codification for Changes

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| S6.03.A14 & S6.03.B.14 | We moved away from the word maintain to foster/support for our agencies and institutions, updated the name of LRU & LTSS. Additionally, we moved the Foundation under Organizations of the synod. |
| S7.11.01 & S7.12 – 14 | Our constitution already allows for an every other year business assembly. We are proposing moving to an every other year business assembly with an intensive continuing ed (ie. Bold Like Jesus & Power in the Spirit). We have updated the language to specify the business assembly. Other updates were to clarify registered, etc. |
| S7.21.A14 – 24 | Language updates focus on moving from four rosters to Word & Sacrament/Word & Service language. Additionally, we have moved away from the term Rostered leader to Rostered ministers. |
| S8.12.01 | Update focuses on Bishop’s ability to appoint an interim in consultation with the congregation. |
| S8.42.c | Updating the language of gifts shared with the ELCA churchwide expression to mission support. |
| S8.52/01 | We choose the most appropriate of what felt like two bullets naming when the terms of officers of the synod. |
| S9.03 – S9.03.07 | Additions made explicit comments regarding our commitment to diversity for both synod council and nominations. |
| S9.03.09 | We eliminated “nominations” from the floor and widen the conversation to additional floor nominations. Confirmed that this can be done via Secretary Boerger. |
| S10.07.03 | We propose the reduction of council from 24 to 15 members to synod council and made adjustments to numbers for Word & Sacrament/lay leaders. The youth member will be appointed as opposed to elected. Additionally, to reflect the diversity goals of our Synod, the council may appoint up to 4 additional members. The new numbers and the every other year assembly would affect the length of term. We propose a four year term. |
| S11.11.01 – 11 | We expand participation in council committees to include non elected council members. Synod committees and ministry teams will be established as needed to support the mission and vision of the synod. We named several |
| S12.01.04 | We propose eliminating the election of deans and moving to the appointment of deans due to the roles of deans expanding as we move forward. |
| S12.01.07 | We propose moving the spring conference meeting to a spring conference cluster meeting to be held every other year. This meeting will not be larger and there will only be 3 of them. |
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