

Proposed Amendments to Synod Constitution and Bylaws

Amend *S10.01b to read:

The term of office of members of the Synod Council, with the exception of the officers and the youth member and the young adult member, shall be three years.

Amend *S10.01.01 to read:

All authority of this synod between meetings of the Synod Assembly shall be exercised by or under the direction of the Synod Council in a manner consistent with the ELCA and synod constitutions and bylaws. The Synod Council shall consist of four (4) officers of this synod; twelve (12) cluster representatives (one from each cluster); one (1) youth member; one (1) young adult member and three (3) at-large members appointed by the Synod Council to ensure the proper balances as described in S6.04. of this constitution. Top priority of the at large appointments to Synod Council shall be given to an African American, Asian, Hispanic, Native American or per S6.04. Total council membership shall be ~~twenty (20).~~ twenty-one (21).

Amend *S10.01.02 to read as follows:

~~At each Synod Assembly, four (4) members shall be elected from the appropriate twelve (12) clusters; and at the first meeting of the Synod Council, one member at large shall be appointed by the Synod Council in accordance with Bylaw S10.01.01.~~

~~The twelve (12) cluster members and the three (3) at large members shall be divided into three (3) classes of five (5) each. The terms of office shall be for a three (3) year period beginning in:~~

~~Class 1 (1991) A three (3) year term from clusters 7, 1, 6, 10 and one (1) at large appointed by the Synod Council.~~

~~Class 2 (1992) A three (3) year term from clusters 2, 8, 9, 11, and one (1) at large appointed by the Synod Council.~~

~~Class 3 (1993) One three (3) year term from clusters 12, 5, 3, 4 and one (1) at large appointed by the Synod Council.~~

~~Each class shall have two (2) nominees who are African American, Asian, Hispanic or Native American.~~

~~This sequence of elections and appointments shall continue in the same order for the years following.~~

~~The members elected or appointed to succeed those members whose terms expire shall become members of the Synod Council at the close of such meeting and shall hold office until the close of the third regular meeting of the Synod Assembly after their election and until their successors have been elected.~~ Members of the Synod Council who have served one full term may succeed themselves once.

The youth member and young adult member shall be elected for a two (2) year term and may succeed ~~him/herself~~ themselves once.

S7.33.01. Committees for each synod Assembly shall be appointed by the Synod Council in accordance with the criteria established by S6.04. of the synod constitution, as follows:

- a. Resolutions Committee. All resolutions and proposed modifications in the Constitution/Bylaws of this synod shall be considered by the Resolutions Committee. Such items may be submitted by: voting members of the Synod Assembly; congregations, clusters, or committees of this Synod; the Synod Council.

In order for such items to be included in the Pre-Assembly report, they must be received by the Resolutions Committee at least ~~ninety (90)~~ sixty (60) days in advance of the Assembly. Later submissions must be accompanied by ~~700~~ 500 copies, in the proper format, of the item to be considered and may be considered only by a majority vote of the Assembly. The requirement to provide 500 copies may be waived by the committee, if they have been able to finish their work on a late resolution and get it posted in the website for pre-assembly reports by 20 days prior to the Assembly.

The committee shall assist submitters in achieving the fullest clarity and accuracy in their proposals (including Rationales), actively facilitate consultation between submitters who offer similar proposals, and recommend the placement of each item on the Agenda of the Synod Assembly. The Committee shall make recommendations for actions regarding proposals.

Resolutions shall consist of: no more than three hundred (300) words, no more than three (3) "Resolved" paragraphs, and no preamble. A "Rationale" of less than five hundred (500) words may be appended to the resolutions and will not be subject to debate.