

Proposed Changes to Southern Ohio Synod Constitution, November 24, 2014

Procedural actions for constitutional changes:

In accordance with †S18.13. (as shown below), the Synod Council recommends the 2015 Synod Assembly approve the following constitutional changes. This action requires a 2/3 vote of the Synod Assembly.

†S18.13. Other amendments to this constitution may be adopted by this synod through either of the following procedures:

a. An amendment may be adopted by a two-thirds vote at a regular meeting of the Synod Assembly after having been presented in writing at the previous regular meeting of the Synod Assembly over the signatures of at least 25 members and having been approved by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at such a regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.

b. The Synod Council may propose an amendment, with notice to be sent to the congregations of this synod at least six months prior to the next regular meeting of the Synod Assembly. Such an amendment shall require for adoption a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at such a regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.

All such amendments shall become effective upon ratification by the Churchwide Assembly or by the Church Council.

Recommended constitutional changes:

- †S1.21. The seal of this synod is a cross with three united flames emanating from the base of the cross and three entwined circles beside the cross. The name of this synod and the year of its constituting convention shall form the circular outer edge of the seal. ~~the emblem of the ELCA.~~
- S7.13. Notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Synod Assembly shall be given by the ~~secretary of this Synod Synod Council or by its appointed representative at least 30 days in advance of the meeting.~~
- S7.26. This synod may establish processes through the Synod Council that permit representatives of authorized worshipping communities of the synod, under ELCA bylaw 10.02.03., to serve as voting members of the Synod Assembly, consistent with †S7.21. Such authorized worshipping communities, acknowledged under criteria and procedures of the ~~ELCA Division for Outreach and the Church Council of the~~ Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, shall accept and adhere to the Confession of Faith and Statement of Purpose of this church, shall be served by leadership under the criteria of this church, and shall be subject to the discipline of this church.
- S9.05. The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least ~~two one persons~~ ~~person~~ for vice president; additional nominations may be made from the floor.
- S9.06. The Synod Council shall nominate at least ~~two one persons~~ ~~person~~ for secretary; additional nominations may be made from the floor.
- S9.07. The Synod Council shall nominate at least ~~two one persons~~ ~~person~~ for treasurer; additional nominations may be made from the floor.
- S10.06. If a ~~member of the~~ Synod Council ~~member who is an ordained minister~~ ceases to be a member in good standing on a roster of this synod, ~~if an ordained minister,~~ or ~~a Synod Council member who is a lay person ceases~~ to be a voting member of a congregation of this synod, ~~if a lay person,~~ the office filled by such member ~~immediately~~ shall at once become ~~be deemed~~ vacant.