

Proposed Constitutional Changes

C10.06

In order to not overrule proposed new constitutional provision C10.07 (below) which requires a 2/3 vote on certain motions, change this constitutional provision so that it reads:

“C10.06. All actions approved by this congregation shall be by majority vote of those voting members present and voting, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, these Bylaws, Continuing Resolutions, or federal or state law.”

C10.07

Replace existing constitutional provision C10.07 which reads:

“C10.07. Robert’s Rules of Order, latest edition, shall govern parliamentary procedure for all meetings of this congregation.”

Proposed text is as follows:

*“*C10.07. Parliamentary Procedures for meetings of the entire congregation shall be as follows.*

a. A parliamentarian shall be appointed by the chair of the meeting to oversee the procedures of each congregation meeting.

b. Robert’s Rules of Order, latest edition, shall govern parliamentary procedure of meetings of the entire congregation provided such rules do not conflict with federal, state, or local statutes or regulations and do not conflict with the corporate charter or any constitutional provision, bylaw, or continuing resolution of this congregation.

c. A motion to suspend the rules, limit or extend debate, or immediately close debate (i.e. call the Previous Question) must be approved by a 2/3 vote.

d. In debates on motions, a person is allowed to speak twice. Each speech is limited to 3 minutes in length.

C10.08

Adopt the following permanent constitutional provision concerning video conferencing as previously recommended by Synod.

"C10.08. This congregation may hold meetings by remote communication, including telephone or video conference, as long as all participants are identified by name and there is an opportunity for simultaneous aural communication. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically."

C12.05

Chapter 12 describes the Congregation Council's responsibilities. Changes are proposed for paragraphs c, d, and e, and the order of paragraphs c and d is reversed as follows:

- c. The Congregation Council shall prepare an annual budget for adoption by this congregation and shall supervise the expenditure of funds in accordance therewith following its adoption. Budgeted annual expenses may only exceed budgeted annual receipts by more than 5% if authorized by a meeting of this congregation. The budget shall include this congregation's full indicated share in support of the wider ministry being carried on in partnership with the synod and churchwide organization.*
- d. For items not included in the annual budget, the Congregation Council may authorize additional spending up to a total value of \$50,000. Additional expenditures not included in the annual budget and exceeding \$50,000 must be authorized by a meeting of this congregation.*
- e. The Congregation Council shall ascertain that the financial affairs of this congregation are being conducted efficiently, giving particular attention to the prompt payment of all financial obligations and the regular forwarding of mission support monies to the synod treasurer.*