

Luther Memorial

Proposed Constitutional Changes

(first vote February 6, 2022; second vote May 15, 2022)

At the Annual Meeting on February 6, 2022, the congregation voted to approve several amendments to LM's Constitution. Pursuant to C16.02.b. those amendments need to be ratified by a second vote by a 2/3 majority at a subsequent congregational meeting. If ratified at the May 15 special congregational meeting, these newly adopted amendments will be sent to the synod for final approval (pursuant to C.16.03.) The amendments will be effective on the day that the congregation is notified of synod's approval of them. Below are those amendments as approved at the annual meeting in February.

Changes to C10.06 – Majority Vote

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 ~~or by state law~~, *these Bylaws, Continuing Resolutions, or federal or state law.*"

Changes to C10.07 – Parliamentary Procedure

~~C10.07. Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall govern parliamentary procedure for all meetings of this congregation."~~

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.

New C10.08 (Recommended by Synod) to Replace Existing Emergency Bylaw

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."

Changes to C12.05 -- Congregation Council's Responsibilities. Paragraphs c, d, and e are revised for clarity, and the order of paragraphs c and d is reversed. Paragraph C12.05.i. is revised so that it does not conflict with *C5.04. (which is required by synod) and to add the nomination of alternate voting members to Synod Assembly.

~~dc. 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 and may incur obligations of more than five percent of anticipated annual budget receipts only after approval by a meeting of this congregation.~~ *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.

ed. For items that are not presented to the Congregation Council *included in the annual budget, the Congregation Council may* ~~without specific authorization of a meeting of this congregation enter into a contract or authorize spending up to a maximum of \$5,000~~ *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.

C12.05.i. The Congregation Council shall ~~choose~~ *nominate* from among ~~its~~ *this congregation's* voting members laypersons to serve as voting members *and alternate voting members* of the Synod Assembly, as well as persons to represent ~~it~~ *this congregation* at meetings of any conference, cluster, coalition, or other area subdivision of which it is a member. The number *and other qualifications* of persons ~~to be elected~~ *nominated* by the ~~congregation~~ *Congregation Council* ~~and other qualifications~~ shall be as prescribed in guidelines established by the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.