

Summary of Constitution Revisions (2018)

Resources: Model Constitution provided and required by the Synod

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Congregational Council will be elected in May with their terms beginning at the June Council meeting.

Council members shall be eligible to serve no more than two full term(s) consecutively.

Former – Terms started in July and members could not serve consecutive terms

Nominating Committee – Changed from 6 to 4 voting members and, if possible, one outgoing member of the Congregation Council (5 in total). Two members shall be elected at the May semi-annual meeting for a term of two (2) years. Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible for consecutive re-election.

Identified the specific tasks to be completed at the semi-annual meetings (January and May)

January – Budget, Goals, Pastoral Report, Committee Reports, any other business

May – Elections for Congregational Council and Committees specified in the Constitution, any other business

Removed C5.03.01 Ten (10) percent of any bequest received by the Congregation shall be given to a benevolent cause beyond the Congregation.

Explanation: Not a legal action. Money given to the Endowment Fund cannot be re-allocated

Committee Structure and Functions were moved from the Bylaws to Continuing Resolutions which will allow changes to be made more easily on a local basis. Although all of the Committees are not listed, they are currently functioning as in the past but the Council is studying a method for reorganization which will be presented and added to the Continuing Resolutions of the Constitution at a future date. The Memorial Committee will also be listed in Continuing Resolutions.

Membership Categories as recommended by the Synod

Baptized, Confirmed, Voting, Associate, are the same with a Seasonal category (“Snow Birds”) added.

“Active” and “Inactive” members are no longer included.

Voting: Confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this Congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this Congregation. Those who fail to maintain voting member status will be classified as “Pastoral Responsibility”. For statistical purposes, they shall not be reported as members to the ELCA.