

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

The following amendments were recommended for adoption by the 2024 Synod Assembly by the Synod Council at its March 21, 2024 meeting. Additions are underlined. Deletions are struck through in the text.

**Proposed Constitutional bylaw amendments to add to the synod council membership one dean, elected by the deans.**

S10.01.01. The Synod Council shall be composed of the four officers of the synod, one youth member and at least one young adult, elected by the Synod Assembly, one member nominated by each of the conferences in the synod, and six at-large members all elected by the Synod Assembly, and one dean elected by the deans.

S12.01.02. Each conference shall:

a. Elect a dean, who shall serve a two-year term. Deans may be re-elected once, serving a total of four years. Conference Deans are expected to:

1. Meet regularly with synod leadership.
2. Assist the bishop as needed in providing pastoral care and support to the congregations and rostered leaders ministers of the synod.
3. Convene regular opportunities for meetings of rostered ministers and lay leaders for the exchange of ideas and concerns and the nurturing of collegiality.
4. Attend meetings of the synod council. One dean, elected by the deans, will serve as a voting member of the synod council. This election will take place prior to the September synod council meeting each year.

**Proposed Constitutional bylaw amendment to clarify language in the constitution regarding the age of the youth and young adult synod council members and delete reference of nomination by Youth Council.**

S10.01.06. The youth member of the Synod Council shall be elected by the Synod Assembly upon nomination by the youth council Synod Council and may not ~~be more than eighteen years old when elected~~ have reached the age of 18 at the time of election or appointment.