



Greater Milwaukee Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Dear friends in Christ:

Enclosed you will find an official notice of several proposed changes in the synod's governing documents, which will be considered at the next synod assembly, May 29-30, 2020. This proposal was approved by the synod council at their November meeting, and since it includes several proposed changes to the synod constitution, we are required to send them to all congregations in the synod six months in advance of the assembly.

Here are the highlights:

1. The proposal eliminates the 10 geographic mission clusters and replaces them with 7 geographic conferences. (The membership of the 7 conferences and schedule for representational rotation will be presented in advance of the February Together in Mission event. These are governed by a continuing resolution of the synod council and will be adopted after the bylaws are changed.)
2. The proposal increases the number of at-large seats for synod council representation from 3 to 6, keeping the total membership of the synod council at 18.

Please note that there will be an opportunity to discuss this proposal at the Together in Mission event on February 15, 2020, and amendments may be offered on the floor of the synod assembly. The purpose of this notice is simply to notify all congregations that this matter will be on the agenda of the assembly.

In Christ,

Bishop Paul D. Erickson