

# SYNOD CONSTITUTION AND BYLAW CHANGES

## Greater Milwaukee Synod Council Recommendations to Congregations for Constitution and Bylaw Amendments at the 2015 Synod Assembly

To All Congregations of the Greater Milwaukee Synod:

The following proposed actions will be presented to the 2015 Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly for approval.

**The Synod Council, in action SC14.09.25. on September 18, 2014, recommends that the 2015 Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly amend the Synod's Constitution to reflect changes adopted by the 2013 Churchwide Assembly to provisions which are not required (amendments as allowed in †S18.12. )**

**S7.23.** The presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and such other official representatives of this church as may be designated from time to time by the Church Council shall **also** have voice but not vote in the meetings of the Synod Assembly. Like privileges shall be accorded to those additional persons whom the Synod Assembly or the Synod Council shall from time to time designate.

**S7.26.** This synod may establish processes through the Synod Council that permit representatives of **mission settings formed with the intent of becoming recognized** congregations **under development** and authorized worshipping communities of the synod, which have been authorized under ELCA bylaw 10.02.03., to serve as voting members of the Synod Assembly, consistent with †S7.21.

**The Synod Council, in action SC14.09.25. on September 18, 2014, recommends to the 2015 Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly that Bylaw S6.03.01. be converted to Continuing Resolution S6.03.B15.**

**S6.03.01. S6.03.B15.** In order to foster liaison between this synod and the synodical women's organization:

- a. The president of the synodical women's organization (or her designee) shall from time to time be invited to attend meetings of the Synod Council and to report on the activities of the organization to the Synod Council and the Synod Assembly; and
- b. The bishop (or his or her designee) shall from time to time arrange to attend the organization's board meetings and conventions and to report on the activities of the synod to the organization.

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**The Synod Council, in action SC14.09.25. on September 18, 2014, recommends to the 2015 Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly that Bylaw S10.07.01. be amended to change the timing of special meeting notices**

**S10.07.01.** The Synod Council shall hold regular meetings at least three times each year. Special meetings may be called by the bishop, by the Executive Committee, or by a majority of the members of the Synod Council. The secretary shall cause notice of any meeting to be given to the members of the Synod Council stating the day, place, and hour of the meeting, and in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting which does not relate to the purpose or purposes for which the meeting was called as stated in the notice of the meeting. Notice of a regular meeting shall be given in writing and shall be personally delivered or mailed to the members of the Synod Council at least 10 days prior to the meeting. Notice of a special meeting may be given in writing or by telephone and shall be given at least ~~one day~~ **five days** prior to the meeting. Any notice mailed shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the United States mail, with postage thereon prepaid, and addressed to the member entitled to notice. To the extent permitted by state law, meetings of the Synod Council and its committees may be held electronically, or by telephone conference, and notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.

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