

**Resolution 2023.02- S11.07.05 AS AMENDED**  
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Title: Moving Candidacy Committee to an Appointed Committee

Mover: Synod Council  
Second: None Required

WHEREAS The Candidacy Committee is entrusted to journey with candidates for ministry over many years, and needs consistent leadership over that span, and

WHEREAS The current election of Candidacy Committee members by conferences has not provided that stability, and

WHEREAS All other synods in our region have moved to an appointed Candidacy Committee to allow for staggered terms and leadership succession planning, therefore be it resolved

RESOLVED That the Central/Southern Illinois Synod bylaw be amended to read as follows:

S11.07.05. The Candidacy Committee of this synod shall consist of fourteen members, *appointed by the bishop in consultation with conference deans in compliance with +S6.04 and ratified by the synod council. This number includes the bishop (or their designee) and an ELCA seminary representative. Advisory members include a synod candidacy staff person and an ELCA candidacy staff person.*

The function of the Candidacy Committee is to work with applicants from application through Entrance, Endorsement, Approval, and Ordination. They will seek to support each candidate through prayer, guidance and counsel as well as represent the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in helping candidates discern both their inner (personal) call and their outer call (affirmation by both the seminary faculty and candidacy committee).

An exception to the two-term limit (S11.01.05) is that a member of the Candidacy Committee who has served two

consecutive terms on the Candidacy committee is eligible, in consultation with the professional staff of the synod, to serve a third consecutive term on the Candidacy committee.

And be it further,

- RESOLVED      That the bylaw be relocated as follows:
1. strike 11.07.05
  - 2 remove “Candidacy Committee” from current S11.01.04e
  3. add “Candidacy Committee” to the list of committees in S11.01.03
  4. renumber a candidacy committee as S11.07
  4. Change the current S11.07 to S11.08 and renumber the rest of the committees to match

#### Additional information

S11.07.05 currently reads as follows:

- .      The Candidacy Committee shall consist of fourteen members, two selected by each conference in consultation with the professional staff of the synod, and two selected at large by the Synod Council, and in compliance with +S6.04. The function of the Candidacy Committee is to work with applicants from application through Entrance, Endorsement, Approval, and Ordination. They will seek to support each candidate through prayer, guidance and counsel as well as represent the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in helping candidates discern both their inner (personal) call and their outer call (affirmation by both the seminary faculty and candidacy committee).

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