

# RESOLUTION 2023.01

## Title: Amendments to Synod Constitution

### Mover: Synod Council

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Whereas, the Synod Council of the C/SIS recommends that the 2023 C/SIS Assembly adopt the Recommended Amendments to the Constitutions for Synods adopted by the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly with the following two exceptions:

- 1) that S7.14. not be amended to read “One-third (1/3) of members of the Synod Assembly who are registered and signed in for the Synod Assembly shall constitute a quorum.”
- 2) that the C/SIS not adopt the 2022 CWA recommended amendment to S8.42c., but to adopt recommended amendment to S8.42.f

Therefore, be it

Resolved that the following provisions be amended as indicated:

(Changes underlined are added; changes struck are deleted.)

S7.14 “One-half (1/2) of members of the Synod Assembly who are registered **and signed in** for the Synod Assembly shall constitute a quorum.”

S7.21.01. Voting members shall begin serving with the opening of a regular Synod Assembly and shall continue serving until **the opening of** ~~voting members are seated at~~ the next regular Synod Assembly.

S7.22. This synod may establish processes that permit retired rostered ministers, or those granted disability status, or on leave from call, on the roster of the synod to serve as voting members of the Synod Assembly, **provided that such processes not result in fewer than 60% of the voting members of the Synod Assembly being laypersons in contravention of consistent with** ~~†S7.21.e.~~

S7.24. Ministers under call on the rosters of this synod shall remain as members of the Synod Assembly so long as they remain under call and so long as their names appear on the rosters of this synod. Lay members of the Synod Assembly representing congregations shall continue as such until **the opening of the next regular synod assembly, or unless** replaced by the election of new members **for a special synod assembly**, or until they have been disqualified by termination of **congregation** membership. **Normally, congregations will hold elections prior to each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.**

S7.26. This synod may establish processes through the Synod Council that permit **lay** representatives of authorized worshiping communities of the synod, which have been authorized under ELCA bylaw 10.01.04., to serve as voting members of the Synod Assembly, consistent with †S7.21.

S7.27. This synod may establish processes through the Synod Council to grant a minister of Word and Sacrament from a church body with which a relationship of full communion has been declared and established by the Churchwide Assembly **of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** the privilege of both voice and vote in the Synod Assembly during the period of that minister's service in a congregation of this church.

**S8.42.f. Obtaining a fidelity bond in the amount determined by the Synod Council for persons handling synod funds, which bond shall be in the custody of the secretary. The premium for the bond shall be paid by this synod. Fidelity coverage provided by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America shall be deemed a fulfillment of this requirement.**

#### **S.11.10—General Provisions**

S14.13. The pastor (a) shall keep accurate **parochial** records of all baptisms, confirmations, marriages, burials, communicants, members received, members dismissed, or members excluded from the congregation, (b) shall submit a summary of such statistics annually to this synod, and (c) shall become a member of the congregation upon receipt and acceptance of the letter of call. In a parish of multiple congregations, the pastor shall hold membership in one of the congregations.

S14.15. Each minister of Word and Sacrament on the roster of this synod shall submit a report of **his or her** ministry to the bishop of the synod at least 90 days prior to each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.

S14.34. Each minister of Word and Service on the roster of this synod shall submit a report of ~~his or her~~ ministry to the bishop of the synod at least 90 days prior to each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.