

CLC Constitution Changes

The chapters and sections listed below have undergone changes or updates.

Chapter 3. Nature of the Church

- C3.03: New addition
- C3.04: New addition
- C3.05: New addition

Chapter 4. Statement of Purpose

- C4.06: New addition

Chapter 5. Powers of the Congregation

- C5.03.c: Update terminology
- C5.03.d: New addition
- C5.03.e: Update chapter numbers

Chapter 6. Church Affiliation

- C6.03.c: Update terminology and add definition to “Special Circumstances”
- C6.03.d: Update terminology
- C6.04.c: Added reference to specific ELCA bylaw
- C6.04.d: New addition
- C6.05.a-h: Updated instructions and procedures for leaving the ELCA
- C6.07: New addition. Instruction for expanding the church to a second site

Chapter 7. Property Ownership

- C7.02: Added reference to specific ELCA bylaw
- C7.03: Added chapter reference and updated voting procedures
- C7.04: Added chapter reference and updated voting procedures

Chapter 8. Membership

- C8.02.c: Updated definition of “Voting Member”
- C8.02.d: Updated definition of “Associate Member”
- C8.02.e: Added definition of “Seasonal Member”
- C8.05.d: Added reference to specific ELCA bylaw
- C8.05.e: Updated terminology

Chapter 9. Rostered Minister

- Nearly every section and subsection of this chapter has been changed. Most of the changes are updates to new/current terminology or reference to specific ELCA bylaws.

Chapter 11. Officers

- C11.02: added clarification to the re-selection of the president for an additional term

Chapter 12. Congregation Board

- C12.01.a: Defined pastor(s) and staff as non-voting members of the board
- C12.01.b: Updated spiritual leadership requirement to “recommended”
- C12.02: Updated number of terms board members may serve
- C12.05.c: Updated congregational approval requirements for contract approval

Chapter 15. Discipline of Members and Adjudication

- Every section of Chapter 15 has been updated.

Chapter 16. Amendments

- Every section of this chapter has been updated. It outlines the procedures and allowances for amendments to this constitution.

Chapter 17. Bylaws

- Updates to policy regarding notification of proposed changes

Chapter 18. Continuing Resolutions

- Added instructions on who should send continuing resolutions to the synod

Bylaws Part 3 - Membership

- This section has been removed. Qualifications for membership are outlined in Chapter 8.

Bylaws Part 3 (new) - The Pastor

- 3.C: removed language regarding the time frame for terminating service when the pastor is called to a new congregation.

Bylaws Part 6 - Officers, Boards and Leadership Roles

- A.1: Removed reference to the Spiritual Leadership Class