



New Jersey Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Recommendation:

Amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the New Jersey Synod

Recommended by the Synod Council on February 22, 2020

Recommended for assembly action:

To adopt, *en bloc*, with the exception of such amendments as may be considered separately, the amendments to the *Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the New Jersey Synod*; and

To authorize the Office of the Secretary to make appropriate changes to the *Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the New Jersey Synod* as amended.

Chapter 10.
SYNOD COUNCIL

S10.07.02. Membership

- a. ~~The 22 non-officer members of the Synod Council shall be composed as follows:~~
 - 1) ~~twelve lay members, six of whom shall be male and six female; and~~
 - 2) ~~nine clergy members, one or more of whom shall be female, and~~
 - 3) ~~one youth member who may be male or female.~~
- a. The fifteen (15) non-officer members of synod council shall be composed as follows:
 - 1. Nine lay members
 - 2. Six rostered ministers
- b. At least two of the 22 15 members shall be persons of color and/or persons whose primary language is other than English.
- c. The youth member of the Synod Council shall be a person under the age of 18 at the time of election. At least one lay member shall be a youth (under the age of 18) at the time of the election.
- d. At least one lay member shall be a young adult (under the age of 30) at the time of the election.
- e. The Nominating Committee shall insure the make-up of members includes gender non-binary, women, and men so there is no totality of only one gender identity.
- d f. All elected members of the Synod Council shall be voting members of a congregation of the New Jersey Synod, ELCA.
- e g. The elected chairpersons of official associated organizations are accorded voice but no vote at regular Synod Council