

Old Constitution Wording	Adopted Wording to be Ratified Jan 31, 2021	Reason
C4.04 This congregation shall develop an organizational structure to be described in the bylaws. The Congregation Council shall prepare descriptions of the responsibilities of each committee, task force or other organizational group and shall review their actions.	C4.04 This congregation shall develop an organizational structure to be described in the bylaws. The Congregation Council, or staff as appointed by the Congregational Council , shall prepare descriptions of the responsibilities of each team , task force or other organizational group and shall review their actions.	Update wording to align with the By Laws and how the church is currently running.
C5.03 H. elect its Congregation Council, boards and committees, and require them to carry out their duties in accordance with the constitution and bylaws; and	C5.03 H. elect its Congregation Council, boards and teams , and require them to carry out their duties in accordance with the constitution and bylaws; and	Update wording to align with the By Laws and how the church is currently running.
C5.03 I. terminate its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as provided in Chapter 6 y .	C5.03 I. terminate its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as provided in Chapter 6.	Remove the y character at the end.
C7.04 If a two-thirds majority of the voting members of this congregation present at a regularly called and conducted special meeting of this congregation vote to become independent or relate to a non-Lutheran church body, title to property of this congregation shall continue to reside in this congregation only with the consent of the Synod Council. The Synod Council, after consultation with the congregation by the established synodical process, may give approval to the request to become independent or to relate to a non-Lutheran church body, in which case title shall remain with the majority of the congregation. If the Synod Council fails to give such approval, title shall remain with those members who desire to continue as a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.	If a two-thirds majority of the voting members of this congregation present at a regularly called and conducted special meeting of this congregation vote to become independent or relate to a non-Lutheran church body, title to property of this congregation shall continue to reside in this congregation only with the consent of the Synod Council. The Synod Council, after consultation with the congregation by the established synodical process, may give approval to the request to become independent or to relate to a non-Lutheran church body, in which case title shall remain with the majority of the congregation. If the Synod Council fails to give such approval, title shall remain with those members who desire to continue as a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In neither case does title to this congregation's property transfer to the synod.	Add clarification and align this clause with the ELCA Model Constitution
12.05 C. The Congregation Council may enter into contracts of more than \$5000 for items not included in the budget only after approval by a Congregation Meeting. D. The Congregation Council shall prepare an annual budget for adoption by this congregation,	C. The Congregation Council may not enter into contracts of more than the limit described in BL5.06 for items not included in the budget without prior approval by a Congregation Meeting. D. The Congregation Council shall prepare an annual budget for adoption by this congregation,	Move the cost limit in Items C and D to the bylaws to allow for less complicated modification. Bylaw changes still require congregational approval

<p>shall supervise the expenditure of funds in accordance therewith following its adoption and may incur obligations of more than \$5000 in order to meet expenses only after approval by a Congregation Meeting. The budget shall include this congregation's fair share in support of the wider ministry being carried on in partnership with the synod and the churchwide organization.</p>	<p>shall supervise the expenditure of funds in accordance therewith following its adoption, and may not incur obligations of more than the limit described in BL5.06 to meet expenses without prior approval by a Congregation Meeting. The budget shall include this congregation's fair share in support of the wider ministry being carried on in partnership with the synod and the churchwide organization.</p>	
<p>12.05 Add new item G</p>	<p>G. The Congregation Council shall have the authority, by resolution, to establish a trust fund, determine its terms, and amend and restate such terms as it determines to be in the best interest of the congregation.</p>	<p>Council can update Trust without getting church body approval as a whole. This change is recommended for good practice with trust funds</p>
<p>C12.07 The Congregation Council shall provide for an annual review of the membership roster.</p>	<p>C12.07 The Congregation Council, or appointed staff, shall provide for an annual review of the membership roster.</p>	<p>Update wording to align with the By Laws and how the church is currently running.</p>
<p>C13.04 When a pastoral vacancy occurs, a Call Committee of ten to sixteen voting members according to Synod Guidelines shall be appointed by the Congregation Council. The term of office will terminate at the installation of the newly-called pastor.</p>	<p>C13.04 When a pastoral vacancy occurs, a Call Committee of a number of voting members according to Synod Guidelines shall be appointed by the Congregation Council. The term of office will terminate at the installation of the newly-called pastor.</p>	<p>Change the hard rule of 10 to 16 to match Synod guidelines the way we currently operate.</p>
<p>C13.05 The Trust Fund Committee shall be custodian of the trust fund. The committee shall have five to nine members, of legal age, elected by written ballot at the annual meeting of the congregation. The term of office shall be three years. One third of the members, or as close to that fraction as possible, shall be elected each year. Committee members shall not serve concurrently on the Congregation Council. The purpose of the trust fund is to enhance the work of the church by providing ministry and stewardship opportunities additional to and apart from the general operation of the congregation. (Bylaws, Article 10)</p>	<p>C13.05 The Trust Committee shall be responsible for administering the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection Trust in accordance with its trust document terms, as passed by resolution of the Congregation Council.</p>	<p>The Trust Committee is directed to administer the Trust as defined in detail in the Trust document rather than in the Constitution and Bylaws. The Council establishes the Trust (see also C12.05 G)</p>

C16.03 Changes to the bylaws may be proposed by any voting member provided that such additions or amendments be submitted in writing to the Congregation Council at least sixty days before a regular or special Congregation Meeting called for that purpose and that the Congregation Council notify the members of the proposal with its recommendations at least thirty days in advance of the Congregation Meeting.	Clause to remain unchanged	No change is needed since the clause currently aligns with the ELCA Model Constitution.
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After the constitutional amendments related to the Trust Fund, are ratified the following amendments to the Bylaws are to be considered

Current Bylaw Status	Proposed Amendment for Bylaw	Reason
BL5.06 (Powers of the Congregation Council relative to finance)	Add new Item L as follows: L. Monitor administration of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection Trust Fund as carried out by the Trust Committee	Directs the Council to act as a monitor of the Trust administration. (see also C. 12.05G)
BL Article 10 (Trust Fund)	Delete entire Article 10	Article 10 contents are no longer needed since the Trust document contains the relevant material.