

## Changes in Constitution 2010

Changes were made to the constitution for several reasons: to match the 2009 Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, to fix spelling and grammar mistakes in original constitution and to place by-laws and continuing resolutions into the document.

The 2009 Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has provisions that are required to be updated when a congregation amends its governing documents. As stated in this model constitution, "These sections must be used without alteration or amendment of the text in any manner." These will be noted with an **RC** meaning required change to match the model constitution. The other reasons for changes are as listed by the change.

- Page 2 removed C5.04 from Table of Contents
- Page 3 updated title of Chapter 15 to "DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS AND ADJUDICATION"
- Page 3 added Chapter 19 INDEMNIFICATION to the Table of Contents
- Page 3 added BY-LAWS AND CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS OF REFORMATION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH to the Table of Contents
- Page 4 Preamble added the word "out" to "... and carry *out* God's mission..."  
**RC**
- Page 8 C5.03.c added "deaconesses, and diaconal ministers" **RC**
- Page 8 C5.03.d added new in entirety **RC**
- Page 8 C5.03.i changed "it" to "the members of the council" to match one of the selections offered in the model constitution
- Page 8 C5.03.j removed the section designation **RC**
- Page 8 C5.04 removed the word "annually" from "This congregation annually shall choose..." **RC**
- Page 8 C5.04 changed "this Synod" to "the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America" **RC**
- Page 9 C6.03.d added "deaconesses, and diaconal ministers" **RC**
- Page 10 C6.05.g changed "If" to "*Since* this congregation was a member ..."  
**RC**
- Page 10 C6.06 added "and the appropriate program unit of the church-wide organization" after "... synod in which it is territorially located ..." **RC**
- Page 10 C6.07 added in entirety **RC**
- Page 11 C7.03 changed "regularly" to "legally" **RC**
- Page 11 C7.04 changed "regularly" to "legally" **RC**
- Page 12 C8.02.c updated definition of "Voting" members to match the model constitution. New definition of voting members is "Such confirmed members, during the current or proceeding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation."
- Page 12 C8.02.d added "or persons who wish to retain a relationship with this congregation while being members of other congregations." **RC**

- Page 12 C8.04.c added “the” before synod **RC**
- Page 13 C9.01 changed “regularly” to “... legally called for that purpose.” **RC**
- Page 13 C9.02 added “... a candidate for the roster of ordained ministers ...” **RC**
- Page 13 C9.03.b.2 changed “the” to “... of this congregation.” **RC**
- Page 15 C9.05.a.6 added “... or the termination of a parish arrangement” **RC**
- Page 16 C9.07 added “this congregation or” before Congregation Council **RC**
- Page 16 C9.08 added “... before beginning service in a call to another congregation or employment in another ministry setting related to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.” **RC**
- Page 16-17 C9.12 modified paragraph to bulleted form **RC**
- Old Page 11 C9.12 removed because it was a duplicate of C9.13
- Page 17 C9.13 added “(s)” after pastor **RC**
- Page 17 C9.14 added in entirety **RC**
- Page 17 C9.20 and C9.21 added to match the model constitution but not a required addition
- Page 18 C10.06 added “approved” to “All actions approved ...” to match the model constitution but not a required addition
- Page 18 C11.01.d added “If the treasurer is not selected from the elected membership of the Congregation Council, the treasurer shall have voice but not vote at the meetings of the Congregation Council.” To match the model constitution but not a required addition.
- Page 18 C11.02 removed the word “next”, not a required change
- Page 19 C12.01 added “not more than” before twelve. Not a required change but an offered selection in the model constitution
- Page 19 C12.01 added “Consistent with the laws of the commonwealth in which this congregation is incorporated, the congregation may adopt procedures for the removal of a member of the Congregation Council in other circumstances.” To match the model constitution but not a required addition
- Page 20 C12.04.h changed “units” to “organization” to match the model constitution but not a required change
- Page 21 C12.08 added “salaried” to “... supervision of the *salaried* lay workers ...” to match the model constitution but not a required addition
- Page 22 C13.03 changed “will” to “Term of office *shall* be three years.” To match the model constitution but not a required addition.
- Page 22 inserted a new C13.04 but modified from the model constitution to reflect the three year term of the committee members. Not a required addition.
- Page 22 modified C13.08 (old C13.07) to match the model constitution but not a required modification
- Page 23 C15.01 added “If, for any reason, the pastor is unable to administer the admonitions required by a. and b. hereof, the president (if not the pastor) or vice president shall administer such admonitions.” **RC**
- Page 23 C15.02 modified in its entirety **RC**
- Old Page 17 deleted C15.06, it is a duplicate of C15.11
- Page 24 C15.06 added in its entirety **RC**
- Page 24 C15.07 added in its entirety **RC**
- Page 24 C15.10 added in its entirety **RC**
- Page 25 C16.03 changed “members” to “congregation’s member by mail” and changed “its” to “the council’s” **RC**
- Page 25 C17.01 changed in its entirety **RC**

- Page 25 C17.02 changed in its entirety **RC**
- Page 25 C17.02.a changed in its entirety **RC**
- Page 25 C17.02.b (old) is now C17.02.c **RC**
- Page 25 C17.02.b added in its entirety **RC**
- Page 25-26 C17.03 changed in its entirety **RC**
- Page 26 C17.04 changed in its entirety **RC**
- Page 26 C18.01 changed in its entirety **RC**
- Page 26 C18.02 changed in its entirety **RC**
- Page 26 C19.01 added in its entirety **RC**
- Page 34 CR 4.04.9 changed “Staff Support” to “Personnel”
- Page 36 added CR 4.05 MEMBERSHIP IN STANDING COUNCIL COMMITTEES – Membership of the standing council committees shall be restricted to voting members.
- Page 36 added CR 4.06 FUND OVERSITE – The Congregation Council shall appoint a committee to provide over site for the long term Investment Funds, which will then make recommendations to Finance Committee as to the management of the funds.