

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Key: ~~Language to be deleted.~~ Language to be inserted.

Proposed Changes & Amendments to the Constitution

To consider for the first of two votes for adoption at the June 25, 2023 Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation. A second vote will still be required at the next congregational meeting for final adoption.

1. Rules of Order

C10.07. Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall govern parliamentary procedure of ~~all meetings of this congregation~~ the semi-annual and special meetings of this congregation and meetings of the congregation council.

2. Officers

C11.01. The officers of this congregation shall be president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

a. Duties of the officers shall be specified in the job descriptions in the bylaws and ~~reported at the annual meeting~~ continuing resolutions.

3. Congregation Council

C12.01. The voting membership of the Congregation Council shall consist of the pastor(s), ~~deacon(s)~~, the officers of the congregation, and not more than ~~twelve~~ 6 additional nor fewer than ~~6~~ 3 members of the congregation, at least one of whom shall be a youth ~~and at least one of whom shall be a young adult.~~

4. Council Terms

C12.02. The members of the Congregation Council except the pastor(s), ~~deacon(s)~~, and officers, whose election and terms are addressed in C11.02 and C11.03, shall be elected by written ballot to serve for ~~two years~~ one year or until their successors are elected. Such members shall be eligible to serve no more than ~~two~~ four full terms consecutively. Their terms shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

5. Spending Discretion

C12.05. c. The Congregation Council may enter into contracts involving the expenditure of up to 3 percent of the current annual congregation ~~operating~~ budget for items not included in the budget.

C12.05. d. The Congregation Council shall prepare an annual ~~operating~~ budget for adoption by this congregation, shall supervise the expenditure of funds in accordance therewith following its adoption, and may incur obligations of more than 3 percent in excess of the anticipated receipts ~~as stated in the current annual congregation operating budget~~ only after approval by a Congregation Meeting. The budget shall include this congregation's full planned support of the wider ministry being carried on in partnership with the synod and churchwide organization.

C12.05.e Expenditures and obligations from dedicated funds are subject to covenants, restrictions and spending limits applicable to each fund. Such conditions shall be described in continuing resolutions and reported annually to the congregation.

C12.05.f Expenditures and obligations from dedicated funds in excess of 3 per cent of the current annual congregation operating budget are allowed only after approval by a congregation meeting, with the following exceptions:

C12.05.f.1 Those cases in which the covenants, restrictions, and spending limits applicable to the dedicated fund allow such expenditures, or

C12.05.f.2 Those cases in which, in a previous fiscal year, the congregation has approved use of dedicated and/or operating funds for the intended purpose and amount of the expenditure.

6. **Electronic Meetings**

C12.13. The Congregation, Congregation Council and its committees may allow participation in meetings or hold meetings exclusively by remote communication, including electronically and by video or telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for individual participation in dialogue, debate, and voting under the rules of order applicable to that meeting. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.

7. **Duties of Committees**

C13.08. Duties of committees of this congregation shall be specified in the Bylaws continuing resolutions.

Proposed Change to the Bylaws

To be voted for adoption at the June 25, 2023 Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

***C4.05.** This congregation shall adopt and periodically review a mission statement which will provide specific direction for its programs.

C4.05.1 We are claimed by the love and grace of a creative, triune God. We are gathered in community centered in Jesus Christ, to worship God, by nurturing all ages in faith, and by our fellowship with one another. We are sent as disciples to live out our faith as we care for God's world, inspiring others to follow the way of Jesus Christ. We are claimed, gathered, and sent to build the Church and love the World.