

**1995 AMENDMENTS TO THE
MODEL CONSTITUTION FOR CONGREGATIONS**
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Additions are underlined. Deletions are ~~struck-through~~ in the previous text.

*To amend *C5.03.c. in the Model Constitution for Congregations in accord with action of the 1993 Churchwide Assembly on the Study of Ministry:*

- *C5.03.c.** call or terminate the call of associates in ministry, deaconesses, and diaconal ministers in conformity with the applicable policy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; [*with the remainder of provision *C5.03. unchanged*].

*To amend *C5.03.h. in the Model Constitution for Congregations to make the options consistent with those provided in Chapters 11 and 12:*

- *C5.03.h.** elect its [officers,] Congregation Council, [boards, and committees,] and require them [the members of the council] to carry out their duties in accordance with the constitution[,] [and] bylaws[,] [and continuing resolutions]; [*with the remainder of the provision unchanged*].

*To amend *C5.04. in the Model Constitution for Congregations to provide for either annual or biennial synodical assemblies, depending on the practice of the respective synod:*

- *C5.04.** This congregation ~~annually~~ shall choose from among its voting members laypersons to serve as voting members of the Synod Assembly as well as persons to represent it at meetings of any conference, cluster, coalition, or other area subdivision of which it is a member. The number of persons to be elected by the congregation and other qualifications shall be as prescribed in guidelines established by this synod.

*To amend *C6.03.d. in the Model Constitution for Congregations in accord with action of the 1993 Churchwide Assembly on the Study of Ministry:*

- *C6.03.d.** This congregation agrees to consider associates in ministry, deaconesses, and diaconal ministers for call to other staff positions... [*with the remainder of provision *C6.03. unchanged*].

To amend C13.04. in the Model Constitution for Congregations to use consistent terminology in the documents of this church regarding such a committee:

- C13.04.** A ~~Staff-Support~~ Mutual Ministry Committee (in the absence of a ~~staff-support mutual ministry~~ committee, their duties shall be fulfilled by the executive committee) shall be appointed jointly by the president and the pastor. Term of office, shall be two years, three members to be appointed each successive year. ~~Committee members will hold no other office in the congregation during their term.~~