



April 10, 2019

TO: Bishops of synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 Vice presidents of synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 Secretaries of synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 Members of the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 Administrative Team of the churchwide organization
 Chief executive officers of separately incorporated ministries
 Seminary leaders

FROM: The Rev. Wm. Chris Boerger, secretary

SUBJECT: Report of Actions of the Church Council (April 4-7, 2019)

The Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) met at the Lutheran Center in Chicago, Illinois, April 4-7, 2019. Here is a Summary of particular actions along with background information.

1. **RESPONSE TO SYNOD CONSTITUTIONS**
 - A. **NORTH/WEST LOWER MICHIGAN**
 - B. **UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD**

Synod Constitution Amendments

Provision 10.12 of the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* stipulates: “Each synod shall have a constitution, which shall become effective upon ratification by the Church Council. Amendments thereto shall be subject to like ratification....”

Church Council action: [EN BLOC]

Recommended:

To ratify the following amendments to the constitution of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod:

S7.33.01A19 Resolutions presented to the Reference and Resolution Committee for referral to the Synod Assembly for action shall be supported by at least 25 confirmed members of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod whose signatures appear on the resolutions as submitted.

Church Council action: [EN BLOC]

To ratify the following amendments to the constitution of the Upper Susquehanna Synod:

S7.21.e.A0718. The number of lay voting members to Synod Assembly from each congregation shall be based upon ~~average worship attendance~~ baptized membership as reported on the previous year’s parochial report. Congregations with an ~~average worship attendance~~ baptized membership of ~~1 through 150~~ up to 500 shall ~~be~~ be allowed 2 voting members; congregations with ~~and average worship attendance~~ baptized membership of ~~151-501~~ through 300-900 shall ~~have~~ be allowed 3 voting members and congregations with an ~~average worship attendance~~ baptized membership of ~~301-901~~ and above shall ~~have~~ be allowed 4 voting members.

