

RESOLUTION TO UPDATE CONSTITUTION WITH RECOMMENDED PROVISIONS OF ELCA MODEL CONSTITUTION

SUBMITTED BY: The First Lutheran Church Congregational Council

WHEREAS, the First Lutheran Church Council has spent considerable time reviewing our constitution and comparing the current provisions to the ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations; and

WHEREAS, there are several recommended provisions of the model constitution that would add clarity to the First Lutheran Church Constitution;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that First Lutheran Church adopt the following recommended constitutional provisions from the ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations:

- **C10.09.** “*Ex officio*” as used herein means membership with full rights of voice and vote unless otherwise expressly limited.
- **C11.01.** The officers of this congregation shall be a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.
- **C11.01. (d.)** If the Congregation Council elects its officers, the president, vice president, and secretary shall be selected from the elected membership of the Congregation Council. 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.
- **C12.01.** The voting membership of the Congregation Council shall consist of the pastor(s), officers of the congregation, and not more than four members of this congregation. Any voting member of this congregation may be elected, subject only to the limitation on the length of continuous service permitted in that office. A member’s place on the Congregation Council shall be declared vacant if the member a) ceases to be a voting member of this congregation or b) is absent from two successive meetings of the Congregation Council without cause following review by the Congregation Council. Consistent with the laws of the state in which this congregation is incorporated, this congregation may adopt procedures for the removal of a member of the Congregation Council in other circumstances.
- **C12.05. (c.)** The Congregation Council may enter into contracts of up to 2.5% of the annual budget for items not included in the budget.

The Congregational Council recommends a “**Do Pass**” vote on this resolution.

