

Bylaw Recommendations from Synod Council to 2024 Synod Assembly

1. That the 2024 Synod Assembly be asked to amend bylaw S9.03.01 by striking the word “synodical” and inserting in its place the word “synod.”
2. That the 2024 Synod Assembly be asked to adopt the following bylaw:
S8.11.01. When authorized by the Synod Council in order to address special circumstances, the synod bishop may be compensated as an employee or contractor for specified services to another expression of this church. Such an arrangement may be terminated by the Synod Assembly or Synod Council if determined to be detrimental to the function of the office or if the special circumstances no longer apply.
3. That the 2024 Synod Assembly be asked to amend Bylaw S10.07.01. by striking the current bylaw number S10.07.01 and inserting in its place the number S10.08.01.
4. That the 2024 Synod Assembly be asked to amend Bylaw S7.13.01. as follows:
Notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Synod Assembly shall be ~~published in the synodical publication and also~~ sent by United States Mail to each congregation of this synod; ~~each active, on leave from call, on continuing disability, and retired minister of Word and Sacrament on the roster of this synod; and each active, on leave from call, on continuing disability, and retired minister of Word and Service on the roster~~ and to each rostered minister - active, on leave from call, granted disability status or retired - on the rosters of this synod, not less than 30 days prior to the meeting. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.
5. That the 2024 Synod Assembly be asked to amend Bylaw S7.26.01. as follows:
All authorized worshipping communities of this synod shall be entitled to ~~voting membership~~ lay voting members at all Synod Assemblies in accordance with †S7.21.
6. That the 2024 Synod Assembly be asked to amend Bylaw S10.07.03.c. as follows:
A special meeting of the Synod Council may be called by the bishop or the vice president and shall be called at the request of at least one-third of its members. Notice of each special meeting shall be given to all who are entitled to be present ~~at least 10~~ with as much advance notice as is reasonable given the urgency of the question at hand but at least 1 calendar days prior to the date of the meeting and shall include the date, time, and place of the meeting.
7. That the 2024 Synod Assembly be asked to delete Bylaw S11.01.02..
~~There shall be a Synod Staff Support Committee, which shall be composed of members of the Synod Council and others appointed by the Synod Council and agreed upon by the bishop. This committee shall seek to give encouragement by its concern for the spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being of officers and professional staff of this synod.~~

8. That the 2024 Synod Assembly be asked to amend Bylaw S9.03.01. as follows:
The Nominating Committee nominates qualified candidates for ~~synodical~~ volunteer synod positions, committees, and other ministry units as directed by the Synod Council and the governing documents of the synod.
9. That the 2024 Synod Assembly be asked to amend Bylaw S9.03.02. as follows:
The members of the Nominating Committee shall:
- a. Not include more than one person from any one conference and not more than one member of the Synod Council, when possible;
 - ~~b. Serve for a term of three years, with one third being appointed by the Synod Council each year, and with a limit of two consecutive full terms;~~
 - ~~c. Maintain a human resource file of qualified and willing personnel as an aid in the process for nominating persons to fulfill the needs of the synod;~~
 - ~~d. b.~~ Provide sufficient nominees for each position as directed by the Synod Council and the governing documents; and
 - ~~e. c.~~ Nominate one of its members to serve as Elections Committee Chair for each Synod Assembly. The Elections Committee shall be appointed by the Synod Council to serve for each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.
10. That the 2024 Synod Assembly be asked to amend Bylaw S11.01.01. as follows:
There shall be a Synod Executive Committee composed of the bishop, vice president, secretary and treasurer of this synod and two ~~other~~ additional members ~~designated~~ elected by the Synod Council. ~~Those two other~~ These two additional members ~~will~~ shall be elected at the first meeting of the Synod Council after a Synod Assembly and shall serve ~~for a term beginning at the end of that meeting and ending at~~ from election until the end of the next Synod Assembly or until their successors are elected. In electing additional members of the Executive Committee, the Synod Council shall be mindful of the advantages of diversity of membership. The vice president shall chair the Synod Executive Committee. The secretary shall serve as secretary for the Synod Executive Committee. The Synod Executive Committee shall:
- a) Assist the bishop in planning, coordinating, and promoting the activities of the synod.
 - b) Report its actions to the Synod Council and the Synod Assembly.
 - c) Be available to give counsel when disputes arise within this synod.
 - d) Perform such other functions as may be delegated to it by the Synod Assembly or the Synod Council.
11. That the 2024 Synod Assembly be asked to adopt the following bylaw:
S7.21.03. The recognized Campus Ministry sites within this synod each may elect not more than two lay voting members to the Synod Assembly. The persons elected under this section shall not have attained the age of 30 years at the time of election to the Assembly.