Proposed Provision-Level Amendments

At their October 2026 meeting, the synod council approved the following provisions to be presented at the 2027 Synod Assembly for action.

These provision require 6-month notice before Synod Assembly; two-thirds vote to pass; and, except as noted, subsequent Church Council ratification.

~~‡~~S7.26. This synod may establish processes through the Synod Council that permit persons currently serving as synod-authorized ministers and/or lay representatives of ~~congregations under development and~~ authorized worshiping communities and/or outreach ministries of the synod, which have been authorized under ELCA bylaw 10.01.04., to serve as voting members of the Synod Assembly, consistent with †S7.21.

[This proposed change will align the synod's constitution with recommended wording from the Constitution for Synods. "Congregations under development" is terminology no longer used by the ELCA. If adopted, this change would not require Church Council ratification.]

S10.07. If a member of the Synod Council ceases to meet the requirements of the position to which ~~she or he~~ such member was elected, the office filled by such member shall at once become vacant.

[This proposed change is to remove unnecessary gender references.]

S13.25. This synod may temporarily assume administration of a congregation upon its request or with its concurrence. Such synod administration shall continue only so long as necessary to complete the purposes for which it was requested by the congregation or until the congregation withdraws consent to continued administration.

[This change is to include the second sentence of the provision from the Constitution for Synods, which is currently missing from the CSS constitution. If adopted, this change would not require Church Council ratification.]