



**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

**2007 AMENDMENTS  
TO THE  
CONSTITUTION FOR SYNODS**

*as approved by the Tenth Churchwide Assembly  
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Prepared by the Office of the Secretary  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
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**Additions are underlined. Deletions are  
~~struck through~~ in the text.**

**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF REQUIRED PROVISIONS**

**Under †S18.11., required provisions are to be “introduced at once” into the synod’s constitution upon this “formal certification” by the secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.**

**Required** provisions become *effective immediately* upon their adoption by the Churchwide Assembly and this subsequent formal notification of their adoption. Therefore, no vote of the Synod Assembly is needed for such required provisions; neither is such a vote to be taken.

Required provisions are those that are marked by a dagger “†” in this summary of amendments adopted by the 2007 Churchwide Assembly. Such required provisions may be amended *ONLY* by the Churchwide Assembly.

These required provisions adopted by the 2007 Churchwide Assembly are *now in force*; the text of the amendments of required provisions should be incorporated immediately into your synod’s constitution.

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**The following changes were approved by the 2007 Churchwide Assembly for required provisions in the *Constitution for Synods* and are incorporated into the synod's constitution under †S18.11.:**

*To amend provision †S8.12.e. in the Constitution for Synods to clarify the phrasing:*

†S8.12.e. Attest letters of call for persons called to serve congregations in the synod, letters of call for persons called by the Synod Council, and letters of call for persons on the rosters of this synod called by the Church Council ~~on the rosters of this synod.~~

*To amend provision †S10.01.a. in the Constitution for Synods to provide for representation under the partner synod design for nominations to and service on the Church Council:*

†S10.01.a. *(First part unchanged.)* . . . A member of the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ~~from this synod~~, unless otherwise elected as a voting member of the Synod Council, may serve as an advisory member of the Synod Council with voice but not vote.