

Synod Constitution

2009 Oregon Synod Assembly

Eugene Hilton, Eugene, OR - May 22-24, 2009

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Dear Members of the Oregon Synod,

The Synod Council recommends the following changes to the Synod's Constitution. These are technical changes and generally not substantive, however it is important to make them widely known in a timely fashion prior to our May 22-24, 2009 Synod Assembly.

Our constitution calls for such notification to be made 6 months prior to the Assembly itself. That deadline was just prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday and we've missed it by 11 days. This information was emailed to congregations December 3, 2008 and it is our hope that everyone will accept our efforts as being in the spirit of the law and acceptable notification. If you have concerns about our error in timing please let us know in the synod office.

Proposed Constitutional Changes:

1. S15.41. The Oregon Synod Endowment Fund shall be maintained as a ~~restricted~~ clearly segregated fund of the Oregon Synod. (The remainder is unchanged.)

2. S15.42. Change "Committee" to "Board of Trustees."

3. S15.43. The Endowment Fund ~~Committee~~ Board of Trustees shall focus on ministry through major gifts and estate planning, working to enhance the practice of Christian stewardship, to educate persons in the ministry needs of the Church, and to provide the opportunity to participate in the work and vision of the Church both now and for years to come. Further, the Endowment Fund ~~Committee~~ Board of Trustees shall:

(a. – b. unchanged.)

c. submit a budget recommendation annually to the ~~treasurer-Synod Council~~ Synod Council for inclusion ~~without change and clearly segregated from other synod activities~~ in this synod's annual budget pursuant to S15.12. ~~Expenditure authorizations are subject to revision in light of changing conditions by the Endowment Fund Committee.~~

- d. Change "Committee" to "Board of Trustees".

e. propose such constitution, bylaws and continuing resolution changes ~~to the Synod Council for adoption by the Assembly~~ and enact such operating guidelines, investment directions and other procedures as may be required for the preservation and orderly management of the Fund.