

# 2007 AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL CONSTITUTION FOR CONGREGATIONS

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Additions are underlined. Deletions are ~~struck through~~ in the text.

*To amend provision \*C8.02.c. in the Model Constitution for Congregations to ensure the protection of the voting rights of members of congregations:*

- \*C8.02.c.** Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation.

*To amend provisions \*C17.01. and \*C17.04. in the Model Constitution for Congregations regarding incorporation of amendments adopted by the Churchwide Assembly:*

- \*C17.01.** ~~Unless provision \*C17.04. is applicable, those~~ ~~Those~~ sections of this constitution that are not required, in accord with the *Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*, may be amended in the following manner. Amendments may be proposed by at least \_\_\_\_\_ voting members or by the Congregation Council... (*with the remainder of the provision unchanged*).
- \*C17.04.** ~~Whenever the *Model Constitution for Congregations* is amended by the Churchwide Assembly, this~~ This constitution may be amended to incorporate such amendment bring any section into conformity with a section or sections, either required or not required, of the *Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*—as most recently amended by the Churchwide Assembly—by a simple majority vote of those voting members present and voting at any ~~subsequent~~ legally called meeting of the congregation without presentation at a prior meeting of the congregation, provided that the Congregation Council has submitted by mail notice to the congregation of such an amendment or amendments, together with the council's recommendations, at least 30 days prior to the meeting. Upon the request of \_\_\_\_\_ voting members of the congregation, the Congregation Council shall submit such notice. Following the adoption of an amendment, the secretary of the congregation shall submit a copy thereof to the synod. Such provisions shall become effective immediately following a vote of approval.

*To amend provisions \*C18.01. and \*C18.02. in the Model Constitution for Congregations regarding adoption of continuing resolutions:*

- \*C18.01.** The congregation in a legally called meeting or the Congregation Council may enact continuing resolutions. Such continuing resolutions may not conflict with the constitution or bylaws of this congregation.
- \*C18.02.** Continuing resolutions shall be enacted or amended by a majority vote of the congregation or a two-thirds vote of all voting members of the Congregation Council.