

SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING: On September 20th, Nativity will vote on proposed revisions to our Constitution and Bylaws. Most of the revisions are edits to align with recent updates to the Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran in America. Recommended revisions directly pertaining to Nativity are to streamline processes and size the Church Council and selected committees reflecting Nativity's current membership size. Key recommended revisions are:

1. Call process for Pastor and Deacon
2. Election of Officers
3. **Size of Congregation Council**
4. **Filling Council Vacancy**
5. Size of Nomination Committee

Over the course of the next five weeks, we will provide information on each of the above recommended revisions by describing the current text in our Constitution, followed by the recommended text.

Chapter C12.01- Size of Congregation Council

Current Text

C12.01 The Congregation Council shall consist of the pastor(s), the president and vice president, eight members elected by the Congregation, and four members elected by the Congregation Council.

Recommended Text (Revision)

C12.01 The Congregation Council shall consist of the pastor(s), eight members elected by the Congregation, and two members elected by the Congregation Council

Chapter C12.03- Council Vacancy

Current Text

C12.03 Should a member's place on the Congregation Council be declared vacant, the Congregation Council **shall** elect by majority vote, a successor until the next annual meeting.

Recommended Text

C12.03 Should a member's place on the Congregation Council be declared vacant, the Congregation Council **may** elect by majority vote, a successor until the next annual meeting.

