

2012 Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly
ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

2013 MINIMUM SALARY GUIDELINES

RESOLVED, That the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopt the Proposed Minimum Salary Guidelines for 2013.

2013 NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD MISSION GOALS

RESOLVED, That the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopt the Proposed 2013 Mission Goals (synod budget).

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD
OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

RESOLVED, That the Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly adopt the following amendments to the synod constitution.

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

To amend the following constitution sections in order to be consistent with the Model Constitution for Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as amended by the 2011 Churchwide Assembly.

S7.12. Special meetings of the Synod Assembly may be called by the bishop with the consent of the Synod Council, and shall be called by the bishop at the request of one-fifth of the voting members of the Synod Assembly.

- a. The notice of each special meeting shall define the purpose for which it is to be held. The scope of actions to be taken at such a special meeting shall be limited to the subject matter(s) described in the notice.
- b. If the special meeting of the Synod Assembly is required for the purpose of electing a successor bishop because of death, resignation, or inability to serve, the special meeting shall be called by the Synod Council after consultation with the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ~~in cooperation with the Synod Council~~.

S8.23. In the event of the death, resignation, or disability of the bishop, the vice president, after consultation with the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, shall convene the Synod Council to arrange for the conduct of the duties of the bishop until a new bishop shall be elected or, in the case of temporary disability, until the bishop resumes full performance of the duties of the office.

S8.52. The terms of the officers shall begin on the first day of the third month following election or, in special circumstances, at a time designated by the Synod Council.

S9.05. The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least at least one ~~two~~ persons for vice president; additional nominations may be made from the floor.

S9.06. The Synod Council shall nominate at least one ~~(or more)~~ persons for secretary; additional nominations may be made from the floor.

S9.07. If the treasurer is elected, ~~The~~ Synod Council shall nominate at least one ~~(or more)~~ persons for treasurer; additional nominations may be made from the floor.

S10.06. If a member of the Synod Council ceases to meet the requirements of the position to which she or he was elected ~~be a member in good standing on a roster of this synod, if an ordained minister, or to be a voting member of a congregation of this synod, if a layperson~~, the office filled by such member shall at once become vacant.

S10.07.10. To the extent permitted by state law, meetings of the Synod Council and its committees may be held electronically or by telephone conference, and notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS AND CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS
OF THE NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD
OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

RESOLVED, That the Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly adopt the following amendments to the synod constitution.

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

To amend the following provisions to make them consistent with constitution changes made in 2010 related to the synod structure (boards were deleted).

S6.03.d.A87.01. This synod, its officers, and all of its Councils, ~~Boards~~, and Committees, shall be mindful of including, in all of the work and ministry of this synod, all of the baptized, regardless of age.

S9.01.02. Only the bishop and vice-president may be a member of more than one council, ~~board~~ or committee, except for a person appointed to a position to fill a vacancy until the next election.

S9.01.06. In computing eligibility for continued membership on a council, ~~board~~ or committee of this synod, prior service in completing a fractional term shall be disregarded if the unexpired term so served was less than one-half of a full term.

S9.03.01. If through nomination from the floor or otherwise, a person is elected to more than one council, ~~board~~ or committee, and is not eligible to serve in more than one capacity, that person shall be permitted to choose the position in which to serve. In such cases, the vacancy thus created in the other position shall be handled according to regular procedures governing vacancies.

S11.01.024. Any and all councils, networks or other structures it may find necessary, and committees shall be responsible to the Synod Council and shall fulfill the mission and function of this synod.

S12.01.01. The primary purpose of the Conferences for Cooperative Ministry is to resource congregations in the standard congregational ministry areas of worship, education, evangelism, social ministry, stewardship, youth, etc. By sharing their gifts and talents with one another, and by calling upon available resources such as synod staff, regional staff, and others, congregations within the Conference for Cooperative Ministry will be free to seek assistance in whatever areas they feel are necessary and appropriate. The primary function of the Conferences for Cooperative Ministry is creative and not administrative. Therefore, the Conferences for Cooperative Ministry shall not be used as administrators of Synod Council or ~~synod board~~ decisions and programs.

S12.01.02. Whenever two or more Conferences for Cooperative Ministry wish to engage in a common project or concern, they may organize a task force in any manner they feel is appropriate to the objective at hand, and for whatever length of time seems necessary. The Synod Council may be one channel of communication for the formation of such task forces, as may ~~the various boards, and/or~~ the synod staff.

S15.13.02. No council, ~~board~~ or committee of this synod shall make any appropriation to any other council, ~~board~~ or committee except to defray expenses incurred in connection with joint activities without the approval of the Synod Assembly or Synod Council.

S15.13.03. All contributions by councils, ~~boards~~ or committees to inter-church associations and councils to which this synod is a member shall be subject to prior approval of the Synod Council. The Synod Council in reviewing contributions shall consider the necessity of a wise balance in the total commitments of this synod to such inter-church associations and councils. All contributions shall be transmitted through the treasury of this synod.

S15.41.01. No council, ~~board~~ or committee of this synod shall incur capital indebtedness without the consent of the Synod Assembly or the Synod Council.

LUTHERAN STUDENT CENTER – LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY AT UNI

RESOLVED, That the congregations of the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the ELCA offer support to the Lutheran Student Center at UNI through renewed awareness of the ministry, through prayer, publicity, and congregational and individual financial support.

AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD, ELCA

RESOLVED, That the Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly adopt the following amendments to the synod by-laws.

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

To amend S11.01.01. to add provisions for a Candidacy Committee and a First Call Theological Committee.

Chapter 11.

~~COMMITTEES AND BOARDS~~

†S11.01. There shall be an Executive Committee, a Consultation Committee, a Committee on Discipline, a Mutual Ministry Committee, an Audit Committee, and such other committees as this synod may from time to time determine. The duties and functions of such committees, or any other organizational units created by this synod, and the composition and organizational structure of such units, shall be as set forth in this constitution or in the bylaws or continuing resolutions, and shall be subject to any applicable provisions or requirements of the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

S11.01.01. The following shall be considered as standing committees of this synod:

- a. There shall be an Executive Committee ...
- b. There shall be a Nominating Committee ...
- c. There shall be a Candidacy Committee consisting of at least six persons and not more than twelve persons consistent with †S6.04. The committee shall also include a churchwide representative and as voting members the bishop or his or her representative and a seminary faculty representative. This committee shall provide for the examination and approval of candidates for rostered ministry. Persons serving on this committee shall be elected by the Synod Council. The Committee will elect a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and a secretary to serve as its Executive Committee. This committee shall report to the Synod Council and annually provide a committee report for the Pre-Assembly book of the Synod Assembly.
- d. There shall be a First Call Theological Education Committee (FCTE) consisting of nine persons, six of whom are rostered persons and three of whom are lay persons. These committee members will be nominated by the Synod Staff and appointed by the Synod Council. Committee members will serve staggered three year terms renewal up to three times for a total of nine years on the committee. The three year terms shall begin and end at the close of the Synod Assembly. A synod staff person will be assigned to be the liaison between the FCTE committee and the Synod Office. The purpose of the Committee will be to provide for an effective First Call Theological Education program by ensuring the curriculum development for the 3-year FCTE program and continued supportive consultations with first call rostered persons and their congregations, by monitoring the participation of rostered persons and parishes in the program, by promoting and supporting vital first call congregations, and by maintaining connections to the synod and churchwide resources for first call theological education. The Committee will elect a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and a secretary to serve as its Executive Committee. This committee shall report to the Synod Council and annually provide a committee report for the Pre-Assembly book of the Synod Assembly.

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING NORTHEAST IOWA SYNOD CONFERENCE COMPOSITION

RESOLVED, That the Synod Council of the Northeastern Iowa Synod, with the advice of the Bishop and the synod staff, appoint a task force to study the existing boundaries, structure and purpose of conferences; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the task force will report to the Synod Council for a recommendation to the Synod Assembly in a timely manner.