

2018 Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

2019 MINIMUM SALARY GUIDELINES

RESOLVED, that the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopt the Proposed Minimum Salary Guidelines for 2019.

2019 NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD MISSION GOALS

RESOLVED, that the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopt the Proposed 2019 Mission Goals (synod budget).

AMENDMENTS TO THE NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD CONSTITUTION

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

To amend the Northeastern Iowa Synod Constitution to be consistent with the 2016 Model Constitution for Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Amendments that are not required (*i.e.*, those not marked by a dagger) may be adopted by the Synod Assembly on a majority vote at one assembly under †S18.12.

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

To adopt language consistent with the 2016 Model Constitutions for Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Chapter 7. SYNOD ASSEMBLY

S7.22.01. All ~~retired clergy~~ ministers of Word and Sacrament on the retired roster of this Synod shall elect 10 percent of their number to be voting members to the Synod Assembly; all other retired ~~clergy~~ ministers of Word and Sacrament shall be advisory members with voice but not vote.

S7.22.02. All ~~rostered persons~~ ministers of Word and Sacrament on leave from call for reasons of disability shall elect 10 percent of their number to be voting members to the Synod Assembly. There shall be a minimum of one (1) such person provided both voice and vote.

To adopt consistent language within Continuing Resolution S11.01.01.c. and d.

Chapter 11. COMMITTEES

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

c. There shall be a Candidacy Committee consisting of at least six persons and not more than twelve persons consistent with †S6.04. Committee members will serve staggered three year terms renewable 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 final stated Synod Council meeting of the calendar year. 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~~ ministers 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~~ renewable 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.~~ The three year terms shall begin and end at the close of the final stated Synod Council meeting of the calendar year. 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~~ ministers 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.

To incorporate congregation changes within Continuing Resolution S12.01.A13.01.

Chapter 12.

CONFERENCES, CLUSTERS, COALITIONS, AREA SUBDIVISIONS, AND NETWORKS

S12.01.A13.18. CONFERENCES FOR COOPERATIVE MINISTRY ALIGNMENT

S12.01.A13.18.01. The Conferences for Cooperative Ministry (conferences) shall be aligned in nine conferences. Transfers of congregations from one conference to another may take place upon request of the congregation and approval of the Synod Council.

- a. *Water of Life Conference shall include the following congregations:*
Asbury, Lord of Life; Balltown, St. Paul; Dubuque, Holy Trinity; ~~Dubuque, Lord of Life~~; (Dubuque, Luther Manor Nursing Home); Dubuque, St. John; Dubuque, St. Matthew; Dubuque, St. Peter; (Dubuque, Wartburg Theological Seminary).
- b. *Shepherd of the Hills Conference shall include the following congregations:*
Arlington, St. John; Castalia, Zion; Clayton, Evangelical Luth. Church of Peace; Dundee, St. John; Elkader, Bethany; Elkader, Zion (Clayton Center); Farmersburg, St. John; Garnavillo, St. Paul Evangelical; Garnavillo, St. Peter; Guttenberg, St. John's Am.; Guttenberg, St. Paul; Elkader, Hope (Littleport); Luana, St. John; (Manchester, Good Neighbor Home); McGregor, First Evangelical; Maynard, St. Paul; Monona, St. Paul; Oelwein, Zion; (Postville, Good Samaritan Home); Postville, St. Paul; Strawberry Point, Emanuel; (Strawberry Point, EWALU); Strawberry Point, St. Sebald; (Strawberry Point Lutheran Home); Ryan, Peace; Volga, St. Paul.
- c. *Jubilee Conference shall include the following congregations:*
Cedar Falls, Bethlehem; (Cedar Falls, Campus Ministry-UNI); Cedar Falls, Nazareth; Cedar Falls, St. John Am.; Cedar Falls, St. Paul; Dysart, Zion Evangelical; Hudson, St. Timothy; Independence, Immanuel; Jesup, American; LaPorte City, American; LaPorte City, Zion (Jubilee); Washburn, Redeemer; ~~Waterloo, First~~; Waterloo, Luth. Church of the Good Shepherd; Waterloo, Our Savior's; Waterloo, St. Ansgar; Waterloo, Trinity Am.; Waterloo, Zion Evangelical.
- d. *Upper Iowa River Conference shall include the following congregations:*
Decorah, Burr Oak; Calmar, Calmar; Chester, United; Cresco, First; Cresco, Immanuel; (Decorah, Aase Haugen Homes); Decorah, Big Canoe; Decorah, Canoe Ridge; Decorah, Decorah; Decorah, First; Decorah, Glenwood; Decorah, Good Shepherd; Decorah, Hauge; Decorah, Hesper; Decorah, Luther College; Decorah, Springfield; Decorah, St. John; Decorah, Washington Prairie; Elma, St. Paul (Maple Leaf); Lansing, Our Savior's; Lime Springs, St. Paul; Ossian, Ossian; ~~Ossian, Stavanger~~; Ridgeway, Madison; Ridgeway, Orleans; Ridgeway, Peace; Decorah, Highland; (Waukon, Good Samaritan Home); (Waukon, Mosaic); Waukon, St. John.
- e. *Tree of Life Conference shall include the following congregations:*
Alta Vista, Zion; ~~Aurora, St. Paul~~; Denver, St. John (Maxfield); Denver, St. Peter Evangelical; Frederika, St. John; Janesville, Messiah; Lawler, Immanuel (Crane Creek); New Hampton, Trinity; Oran, St. Peter; Sumner, St. John (Buck Creek); Sumner, St. John; Tripoli, Grace; Tripoli, St. John (Crane Creek); Waterloo, St. John (Bennington); (Waverly, Bartels Lutheran Retirement); (Waverly, LSI-Bremwood Campus); Waverly, Redeemer; Waverly, St. Paul's; (Waverly, St. Paul's Lutheran Christian Day School); (Waverly, Wartburg College).
- f. *Riverside Conference shall include the following congregations:*
Belmond, St. Olaf; Belmond, Trinity; Clarion, First; Coulter, Nazareth; Dows, First; Hampton, St. John's; Hampton, St. Paul; Iowa Falls, Bethany; Jewell, Bethesda; Radcliffe, Our Savior; Radcliffe, Zion; Roland, Bergen; Stanhope, Our Savior; (Story City, Bethany Life Communities Manor); (Story City, Riverside Bible Camp); Story City, St. Petri.
- g. *Living Waters Conference shall include the following congregations:*
Carpenter, Deer Creek; Charles City, St. John; Clear Lake, Galilean; Garner, Faith (Miller); Hanlontown, Grace; Joice, Bethany; Kensett, Bethany; Kensett, Elk Creek; Lake Mills, Salem; Lake

Mills, Winnebago; Leland, Our Savior; Manly, Bethlehem; (Mason City, Good Shepherd Inc.); Mason City, Our Saviour's; Mason City, St. James; Mason City, St. Paul; Mason City, Trinity; Mitchell, Faith; Nora Springs, St. Luke; Northwood, First; (Northwood, Lutheran Retirement Home); Northwood, Silver Lake; (Osage, Faith Lutheran Home); Osage, Our Savior; Osage, Rock Creek; Osage, St. John (Rock Township); Scarville, Immanuel; (St. Ansgar, Good Samaritan Center); Toeterville, St. Peter.

- h. *Three River Conference shall include the following congregations:*
Allison, St. James; Cedar Falls, Fredsville; Charles, City, Messiah; Clarksville, St. John; ~~Greene, St. John (Vilmar)~~; Greene, St. Peter; Grundy Center, American; Nashua, St. John; Parkersburg, Peace Luth. Fellowship (SAWC); Marble Rock, St. Paul; Rockford, Zion; Rockwell, St. Peter; Sheffield, Zion St. John; Shell Rock, Faith; Thornton, St. Paul; Wellsburg, St. Paul.
- i. *Shechem Conference shall include the following congregations:*
Clermont, East Clermont; Clermont, West Clermont; Eldorado, St. Peter; Elgin, Elgin; Elkader, Highland; Hawkeye, Trinity; ~~Ossian, Stavanger~~; Sumner, St. Peter (Richfield); Waucoma, St. John (Stapleton); (West Union, Good Samaritan Center); West Union, Zion.

*To approve seasonal member voting in congregations in the Northeastern Iowa Synod (in response to *C8.02. in the 2016 Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America).*

**Chapter 13.
CONGREGATIONS**

S13.25.A18 The Northeastern Iowa Synod approves seasonal member voting in the congregations on its territory.

2016 Amendment to Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

***C8.02.** Members shall be classified as follows: . . .

e. **Seasonal** members are voting members of other ELCA congregations who wish to retain such membership but desire to participate in the life and mission of this congregation, including exercising limited voting rights in this congregation. The Congregation Council may grant seasonal membership to such persons provided that this congregation is a member of a synod where the Synod Council has approved seasonal member voting on its territory. Such seasonal members shall have all the privileges and duties of voting members except that:

- 1) they shall not be eligible for elected office in, or for membership on the Congregation Council or on a call committee of, this congregation;
- 2) they shall not have the right to vote on any matter concerning or affecting the call or termination of call of any minister of this congregation;
- 3) they shall not have the right to vote on any matter concerning or affecting the affiliation of this congregation with the ELCA;
- 4) they shall not be eligible to serve as voting members from this congregation of the Synod Assembly or the Churchwide Assembly;
- 5) they shall not, even if otherwise permitted by this congregation, vote by proxy or by absentee ballot; and
- 6) they shall not, within any two calendar month period, exercise voting rights in this congregation and in the congregation where they remain voting members.

†S18.10. Amendments to Constitution

†S18.11. Certain sections of this constitution incorporate and record therein required provisions of the constitution and bylaws of this church. If such provisions are amended by the Churchwide Assembly, corresponding amendments shall be introduced at once into this constitution by the secretary of this synod upon receipt of formal certification thereof from the secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

†S18.12. Whenever the secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America officially informs this synod that the Churchwide Assembly has amended the *Constitution for Synods*, this constitution may be amended to reflect any such amendment by a majority vote at any subsequent meeting of the Synod Assembly without presentation at a prior Synod Assembly. An amendment that is identical to a provision of the *Constitution for Synods* shall be deemed to have been ratified upon its adoption by this synod. The Church Council, through the secretary of this church, shall be given prompt notification of its adoption.

†S18.13. Other amendments to this constitution may be adopted by this synod through either of the following procedures:

- a. An amendment may be adopted by a two-thirds vote at a regular meeting of the Synod Assembly after having been presented in writing at the previous regular meeting of the Synod Assembly over the signatures of at least 10 percent of the members and having been approved by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at such a regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.
- b. The Synod Council may propose an amendment, with notice to be sent to the congregations of this synod at least six months prior to the next regular meeting of the Synod Assembly. Such an amendment shall require for adoption a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at such a regular meeting of the Synod Assembly. All such amendments shall become effective upon ratification by the Churchwide Assembly or by the Church Council.

†S18.20. Amendments to Bylaws

†S18.21. This synod may adopt bylaws not in conflict with this constitution or with the constitution and bylaws of the churchwide organization. This synod may amend its bylaws at any meeting of the Synod Assembly by a two-thirds vote of voting members of the assembly present and voting. Newly adopted bylaws and amendments to existing bylaws shall be reported to the secretary of this church.

†S18.30. Amendments to Continuing Resolutions

†S18.31. This synod may adopt continuing resolutions not in conflict with this constitution or its bylaws or the constitution, bylaws, and continuing resolutions of the churchwide organization. Such continuing resolutions may be adopted or amended by a majority vote of the Synod Assembly or by a two thirds vote of Synod Council. Newly adopted continuing resolutions and amendments to existing continuing resolutions shall be reported to the secretary of this church.