**Changes to the Bethany Lutheran Church Constitution**

**NOTE:** Chapters highlighted below in **blue** are required by the ELCA and cannot be modified.

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| **Chapter** | **Section** | **Change** |
| 1 | N/A | No changes |
| 2 | N/A | No changes |
| 3 | 3.02 | NEW – statement that our church is resolved to serve Christian unity throughout the world |
| 3 | 3.05 | NEW – statement about our church being part of the global communion of churches |
| 4 | N/A | No changes |
| 5 | 5.03 c,d | NEW – added verbiage regarding calling and terminating a minister of Word and Service |
| 5 | 5.05 | NEW – added comments about developing a mission endowment fund |
| 6 | 6.03 c,d | NEW – added verbiage regarding calling and terminating a minister of Word and Service |
| 6 | 6.04 c,d | CHANGE – wording is modified to be more descriptive |
| 6 | 6.05 | CHANGE – wording is updated describing how a congregation can terminate its relationship with the ELCA |
| 7 | 7.02 | NEW – added verbiage regarding undisposed property should a congregation ceases to exist |
| 7 | 7.03 | CHANGE – verbiage regarding transferred property should a congregation ceases to exist |
| 7 | 7.04 | CHANGE – verbiage regarding transferred property should a congregation ceases to exist |
| 8 | 8.02 c | CHANGE – description of what defines a *voting* member |
| 8 | 8.02 e | ADD – added description of a *seasonal* member rights |
| 9 | All | NEW – added verbiage regarding responsibilities of a minister of Word and Service and Deacon. Also adding the term rostered to describe a minister |
| 10 | 10.08 | NEW – added rules regarding remote meetings |
| 10 | 10.09 | NEW – defined the term “*Ex offcio*” |
| 11 | 11.03 | NEW – rule that no officer may hold more than one office – for Bethany we need to have one person as Treasurer and another person for Secretary. Michaele Korbein currently fills both positions. |
| 12 | 12.01 | CHANGE – smaller Council size (from max 10 to 6); lengthen number of council member terms from one to two |
| 12 | 12.05 | CHANGE - Council may enter into contracts of up to $4,000 for items not included in the budget (was $2,000) |
| 12 | 12.13 | NEW – added rules regarding remote meetings |
| 13 | 13.04 | NEW – add Mutual Ministry committee as a congregational committee |
| 13 | 13.06 old | REMOVED – removed council committees from old Constitution – will add to the By-Laws instead |
| 14 | N/A | No changes |
| 15 | All | Minor wording changes |
| 16 | All | Minor wording changes |
| 17 | All | Minor wording changes |
| 18 | All | Minor wording changes |
| 19 | N/A | No changes |
| 20 | All | NEW – added verbiage regarding responsibilities of a minister of Word and Service |