

Proposed Church Constitution Changes Swamp Lutheran Church - 2017

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Date Committee Approved Changes: 7/14/17

Date Council Approved Changes: 8/16/17

At the annual congregational meeting on December 10th, 2017, the congregation will vote on proposed changes to our Swamp Lutheran Church constitution. A full copy of the constitution will be available for review on the Swamp Lutheran Church website, at the front and back of the churches in limited quantities or by contacting Dave Sauder for a hardcopy of the document. Listed below are the significant changes that were proposed & approved by church council, and will be voted on by the congregation at the December meeting.

REVISION 1

As per the recommendation of ELCA and as approved by the 2016 Church wide Assembly we were authorized to make the following changes throughout the Constitution:

- strike the words “ordained minister/s” and replace with the words “minister/s of Word and Sacrament”;
- strike the word “clergy” and replace with the words “minister/s of Word and Sacrament”;
- strike the words “pastor/s” and replace with the words “minister/s of Word and Sacrament” where appropriate;
- strike the words “associate in ministry, diaconal minister and deaconess” and replace with the words “minister/s of Word and Service”; and
- make editorial corrections that identify the rosters of this church and implement the creation of the ministers of Word and Service roster.

REVISION 2

Added the following section.

C12.13. The Congregation Council and its committees may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference and, to the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.

Thank You,
Swamp Lutheran Church Council & Constitution Committee