



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

Gathering through the love of Christ to care, grow, and serve.

SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING: On September 20, 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 C11.02- Election of Officers

Current Text

C11.02 The officers of this congregation shall be elected in the following manner:

- a. The congregation shall elect the president and vice president by written ballot, and they shall serve for two-year terms. Their terms shall be concurrent.
- b. The Congregation Council shall select its secretary and treasurer from the elected membership of the Congregation Council. They shall serve for two-year terms. Re-selection shall be determined by Congregation Council eligibility.
- c. The terms of the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer shall begin on June 1 in the year in which they are elected and end on May 31 at the end of their term.

Recommended Text (Revision)

C11.02 The officers of this congregation shall be elected by the Congregation Council by written ballot and shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected. The term shall begin on June 1st and end on May 31.