

CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, AND CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS OF PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, BROOKFIELD, CT

EXCERPTS - 2026 REVISIONS

Chapter 1.

NAME AND INCORPORATION

C1.02. For the purpose of this constitution and the accompanying bylaws and continuing resolutions, the congregation Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Brookfield, Connecticut is hereinafter designated as “this congregation.”

Chapter 5.

POWERS OF THE CONGREGATION

- *C5.01. The powers of this congregation are those necessary to fulfill its purpose.
- *C5.02. The powers of this congregation are vested in the Congregation Meeting called and conducted as provided in this constitution and bylaws.
- *C5.03. Only such authority as is delegated to the Congregation Council or other organizational units in this congregation’s governing documents is recognized. All remaining authority is retained by this congregation. This congregation is authorized to:
 - a. call a pastor as provided in Chapter 9;
 - b. terminate the call of a pastor as provided in Chapter 9;
 - c. call a minister of Word and Service;
 - d. terminate the call of a minister of Word and Service in conformity with the constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America;
 - e. elect its Congregation Council and require them to carry out their duties in accordance with the constitution, bylaws and continuing resolutions.

*C5.04. This congregation or the congregation council shall elect from among ~~its-the~~ voting members of the congregation laypersons to serve as voting members of the Synod Assembly as well as persons to represent it at meetings of any conference, cluster, coalition, or other area subdivision of which it is a member. The number of persons to be elected ~~by this congregation~~ and other qualifications shall be as prescribed in guidelines established by the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Chapter 7.

PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

***C7.03.** If the voting members of this congregation present at a legally called and conducted special meeting of this congregation vote to ~~relate~~transfer to another Lutheran church body, title to property shall continue to reside in this congregation, provided the process for termination of relationship in *C6.05. has been followed. Before this congregation takes action to ~~relate~~transfer to another Lutheran church body, it shall consult with representatives of the New England Synod.

Chapter 9.

ROSTERED MINISTER

***C9.02.** This congregation may call as a pastor only:

- a. a member of the roster of Ministers of Word and Sacrament of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or
- b. a candidate for the roster of Ministers of Word and Sacrament who has been recommended for this congregation by the synod bishop.

~~Only a member of the roster of Ministers of Word and Sacrament of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or a candidate for the roster of Ministers of Word and Sacrament who has been recommended for this congregation by the synod bishop may be called as a pastor of this congregation.~~

***C9.03.** Consistent with the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,

a. Every minister of Word and Sacrament shall:

8) speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, proclaiming God's love for the world, advocating dignity, justice, and equity for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, caring for the marginalized, and embracing and welcoming racially and ethnically diverse populations.

***C9.06.** At a time of pastoral vacancy, an interim pastor ~~shall~~may be appointed by the bishop of the synod with the consent of this congregation or the Congregation Council.

***C9.22. This congregation may call as a deacon only:**

- a. ~~Only~~ a member of the roster of Ministers of Word and Service of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, or
- b. a candidate for the roster of Ministers of Word and Service who has been recommended for this congregation by the synod bishop, ~~may be called as a deacon of this congregation.~~

***C9.23. Consistent with the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, every minister of Word and Service shall**

- c. Speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, proclaiming God's love for the world, advocating dignity, justice, and equity for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, caring for the marginalized, and embracing and welcoming racially and ethnically diverse populations.