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Chapter 3 is modified to reflect the changes in the ELCA Constitution chapter 3.

*C5.03.c. The authority to call a minister of Word and Service is added to the powers of the congregation. The existing provisions are re-lettered.

*C6.05. The changes reflect that the congregation governed by these documents is seeking to terminate its relationship, not a generic congregation. Thus the change from "a" to "this".

*C8.02.e. At the request of the Grand Canyon Synod, this now allows seasonal members to have some voting rights in the congregation, if the NC Synod Council authorizes this membership category.

*C9.21.-*C9.31. These provisions establish the procedures for calling and/or terminating a call to a minister of Word and Service. The procedures are parallel to the ones related to ministers of Word and Sacrament.

Chapters 16 and 17 This is a reordering of the chapters dealing with amendments.

*C17.02. Both the ELCA Constitution and the synod constitution establish a two thirds vote requirement to amend their bylaws. Congregations are establishing bylaws related to endowment funds in their constitutions. It seems wise to use the two thirds vote requirement to amend bylaws.

SAINT PETER'S RECOMMENDED CHANGES

C4.04. Delete and move to C13.02.

C5.03, C11.02, C11.03, C12.01, C12.02, C13.01. Change financial secretary to a council-appointed, non-voting, officer and member of Council and Executive Committee. Also make Treasurer a nonvoting member of Executive Committee.

C5.05.01. Delete sentence that enumerates types of gifts to the Endowment Fund.

C5.05.03. Specify uses of funds in the Columbarium Fund.

C5.05.04. Establish Memorial Fund.

C10.01. Establish purpose for annual congregation meeting. Establish a second regular congregation meeting on the second Sunday in December to address the annual budget, elect officers and members of Council and certain committees, and address constitutional amendments.

C10.02, C12.12. Clarify language. Delegate certain functions to the senior pastor.

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C10.05 and C10.06. Allow absentee voting at congregation meetings subject to procedures adopted by Council.

C11.04, C12.02, C12.03. Limit elected officers to two full consecutive terms as an officer or member of Council, or both.

C12.02. Remove requirement that Council members are elected as specific committee liaisons.

C12.03, C13.05. Change procedure for filling vacancies.

C12.04. Add requirement that Council members must maintain confidentiality of personnel information and the private financial and health needs of members.

C12.05. Add two financial duties to Council.

C12.05.A16. Delete and move to C12.05.

C12.06.A16. Delete and move to C12.05.

C13.02. (from C4.04) List nine standing committees. Specify that Council, at its first meeting each calendar year, will assign council members to serve as liaisons to those committees.

C13.02.A19. (move from C13.07.A16) Add oversight of the uses of the columbarium and labyrinth to the Worship and Music Committee's duties. Property Committee will retain oversight property issues of the columbarium and labyrinth.

C13.03. renumber as C13.02. Conforming changes.

C13.04, C13.05, C13.06, C13.07, C13.08, C13.09. Renumbering

C13.04.A16. Delete and add a new C13.05.A19. Eliminate constitutional procedures for Mission Endowment Committee. Retain requirement that Committee is subject to Council oversight and approval of Committee's procedures and disbursements.

C13.05.A16. Delete and renumber as C13.06.A10. Eliminate requirement that Audit Committee must consult with Memorial Garden committee chair and authorize the Audit Committee to consult with other committees it determines should be consulted before an audit.

C13.06, C13.06.A16. Delete provisions dealing with Memorial Garden Committee.

C13.07. Establish a Personnel Committee.

C13.08. Establish a Memorial Fund Committee.

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C13.07.A16. Delete and move to C13.02.A19.

C13.08.A15. Delete and create a new C13.10.A19. Clarify and expand general responsibilities applicable to all committees.