

ELCA Model Constitution and BLC

- Churchwide Assembly updates the model constitution once every three years
- Updates were approved in the August 2019 Assembly
- BLC adopted the ELCA model constitution in 2017
 - Constitution contains 20 Chapters, 14 of which may not be altered by Congregations

Amendments for 2019

- Churchwide Assembly authorized the ELCA secretary to make the following changes
 - Strike “synodical”, replace with “synod”
 - Strike “the congregation, replace with “this congregation” where appropriate
 - Make changes so that model constitution follows the ELCA and Synod constitutions
- Majority of the changes are in chapters that may not be altered by Congregations (75%)

Change not related to ELCA

- BLC Council previously agreed to change the treasurer role to an officer position
 - Requires change to the bylaws of the constitution
- Treasurer's duties moved from bylaw C11.04.02 to bylaw C11.02.01
- This change can be approved at any BLC congregation meeting