

St. Paul Constitution Revisions Requiring 2 Congregational Votes **(Constitution Section Changes)**

NOTE: There are various sections of the constitution that had 2 changes recommended by synod – the change from “the congregation” to “this congregation” and the change from “synodical” to “synod” where applicable.

Chapter 10. CONGREGATION MEETINGS

This section change sets up the removal of the second meeting as a requirement. The November meeting will function as a financial update as we move toward the close of the year – all voting will occur at the January meeting going forward. The bylaw defining the November meeting only requires one vote, which will happen at the January meeting.

ORIGINAL:

C10.01. The annual meeting of this congregation shall be held at a time specified in the bylaws.

REVISED:

C10.01. This congregation shall have at least one regular meeting per year. The regular meeting of this congregation shall be held at the time specified in the bylaws. Consistent with the laws of the State of Illinois, the bylaws shall designate one regular meeting per year as the annual meeting of this congregation.

ADDITION (AS RECOMMENDED BY SYNOD):

C10.08. This congregation may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous aural communication or its equivalent. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.

Chapter 11. OFFICERS

This section change removes the Financial Secretary as an officer and the point about officers being advisory members on all commissions (commissions are being replaced by council representatives, therefore do not need advisory members).

ORIGINAL:

C11.01. The officers of this congregation shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary.

- a. The duties of the officers shall be specified in the bylaws.
- b. The officers shall be voting members of this congregation.
- c. The officers of this congregation shall serve in similar offices of the Congregation Council and shall be voting members of the Congregation Council.
- d. The officers shall be advisory members of all commissions.

REVISED:

C11.01. The officers of this congregation shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

- a. The duties of the officers shall be specified in the bylaws.
- b. The officers shall be voting members of this congregation.
- c. The officers of this congregation shall serve in similar offices of the Congregation Council and shall be voting members of the Congregation Council.

Chapter 12. CONGREGATION COUNCIL

This section change removes commissions and replaces them with council representatives. It also updates that officers and council representatives will be voted on at the January meeting, instead of a November meeting.

NOTE: 4 additional sections in Chapter 12 change wording from commission to council representative, with no other changes made – 12.04, 12.05, 12.09, 12.12

ORIGINAL:

C12.01. The voting membership of the Congregation Council shall consist of the officers and the commissioners of this congregation. The Senior Pastor shall participate as a non-voting member of the Congregation Council. Any voting member of this congregation, except an employee of this congregation, may be an officer or commissioner, subject to the limitation on the length of continuous service permitted in that office. A member's place on the Congregation Council shall be declared vacant if the member a) ceases to be a voting member of this congregation, or b) is absent from three successive regular meetings of the Congregation Council without cause. Consistent with the laws of the State of Illinois, this congregation may adopt procedures for the removal of a member of the Congregation Council in other circumstances.

C12.02. The Congregation Council shall have officers and commissioners as its members.

A. Officers

This congregation shall elect its officers. The officers shall be elected by written ballot at a meeting of the congregation during the month of November. Their term of office shall be for one year, with the term of office beginning on February 1st and ending on January 31st. No officer shall hold more than one office at a time. No elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office, until they have been out of said office for one year. Newly elected Congregation Council officers shall be installed at a worship service.

B. Commissioners

This congregation shall elect its commissioners. The commissioners shall be elected by written ballot at a meeting of the congregation during the month of November. Their term of office shall be for two years, with the term of office beginning on February 1st and ending on January 31st. No commissioner shall hold more than one office at a time. No elected commissioner shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office, until they have been out of said office for one year. Newly elected commissioners shall be installed at a worship service.

REVISED:

C12.01. The voting membership of the Congregation Council shall consist of the Officers and the Council Representatives of this congregation. The Senior Pastor shall participate as a non-voting member of the Congregation Council. Any voting member of this congregation, except an employee of this congregation, may be an Officer or Council Representative, subject to the limitation on the length of continuous service permitted in that office. A member's place on the Congregation Council shall be declared vacant if the member a) ceases to be a voting member of this congregation, or b) is absent from three successive regular meetings of the Congregation Council without cause. Consistent with the laws of the State of Illinois, this congregation may adopt procedures for the removal of a member of the Congregation Council in other circumstances.

C12.02. The Congregation Council shall have Officers and Council Representatives as its members.

a. Officers

This congregation shall elect its officers. The officers shall be elected by written ballot at an annual Congregation Meeting. Their term of office shall be for one year, with the term of office beginning on February 1st and ending on January 31st. No officer shall hold more than one office at a time. No elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office, until they have been out of said office for one year. Newly elected Congregation Council officers shall be installed at a worship service.

b. Council Representatives

This congregation shall elect its Council Representatives. The Council Representatives shall be elected by written ballot at an annual Congregation Meeting. Their term of office shall be for two years, with the term of office beginning on February 1st and ending on January 31st. No Council Representative shall hold more than one office at a time. No elected Council Representative shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office, until they have been out of said office for one year. Newly elected Council Representatives shall be installed at a worship service.

Chapter 13. CONGREGATION COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

This section change revises commissions to council representatives.

ORIGINAL:

C13.01. This congregation acts through its members, officers, commissions, committees, pastor(s) and staff. The Congregation Council, comprised of officers and commissioners, oversees all commissions and committees.

- a. Commissions (C13.02.) are represented on the Congregation Council and are chaired by commissioners who are elected to be members of Congregation Council by this congregation. Commission membership is open to the congregation.**
- b. Standing committees (C13.03.) generally are permanent and govern an on-going and recurring activity or subject of church life. Unless otherwise provided herein or in bylaws, standing committee chairs and members are elected by this congregation or appointed by the Congregation Council or president.**
- c. Special committees are authorized by constitution or bylaws or appointed by Congregation Council to serve a particular and temporal task or event. Membership is elected or appointed.**
- d. Duties of the commissions and committees of this congregation shall be specified in the bylaws or continuing resolutions as the case may be.**

C13.02. The commissions of this congregation are set forth in the bylaws and their duties in continuing resolutions.

REVISED:

C13.01. This congregation acts through its members, Officers, Council Representatives, Committees, pastor(s) and staff. The Congregation Council, comprised of Officers and Council Representatives, oversees all Committees.

- a. Council Representatives (C13.02.) are represented on the Congregation Council and are elected to be members of Congregation Council by this congregation. Council Representative membership is open to this congregation.**
- b. Standing Committees (C13.03.) generally are permanent and govern an on-going and recurring activity or subject of church life. Unless otherwise provided herein or in bylaws, standing committee chairs and members are appointed by the Congregation Council or president.**
- c. Special committees are authorized by constitution or bylaws or appointed by Congregation Council to serve a particular and temporal task or event. Membership is elected or appointed.**
- d. Duties of the Council Representatives and Committees of this congregation shall be specified in the bylaws or continuing resolutions as the case may be.**

C13.02. The Council Representatives of this congregation are set forth in the bylaws and their duties in continuing resolutions.