

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**  
*Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod,*  
*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

**Chapter 18**

**AMENDMENTS, BYLAWS, AND CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS**

**\*S18.10. Amendments to Constitution**

**\*S18.11. Certain sections of this constitution incorporate and record therein required provisions of the constitution and bylaws of this church. If such provisions are amended by this church, corresponding amendments shall be introduced at once into this Constitution by the Secretary of this Synod upon receipt of formal certification thereof from the Secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.**

**\*S18.12. Whenever the Secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America officially informs this Synod that the Churchwide Assembly has amended the *Constitution for Synods*, this constitution may be amended to reflect any such amendment by a simple majority vote at any subsequent meeting of the Synod Assembly without presentation at a prior Synod Assembly. An amendment that is identical to a provision of the *Constitution for Synods* shall be deemed to have been ratified upon its adoption by this Synod. The Church Council, through the Secretary of this church, shall be given prompt notification of its adoption.**

**\*S18.13. Other amendments to this constitution may be adopted by this Synod through either of the following procedures:**

- a. An amendment may be adopted by a two-thirds vote at a regular meeting of the Synod Assembly after having been presented in writing at the previous regular meeting of the Synod Assembly over the signatures of at least 25 members and having been approved by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at such a regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.**
- b. The Synod Council may propose an amendment, with notice to be sent to the congregations of this Synod at least six months prior to the next regular meeting of the Synod Assembly. Such an amendment shall require for adoption a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at such a regular meeting of the Synod Assembly. All such amendments shall become effective upon ratification by the Churchwide Assembly or by the Church Council.**

**\*S18.20. Amendments to Bylaws**

**\*S18.21. This Synod may adopt Bylaws not in conflict with this constitution nor with the constitution and bylaws of this church. This Synod may amend its bylaws at any meeting of the Synod Assembly by a two-thirds vote of voting members of the Assembly present and voting. Newly adopted bylaws and amendments to existing bylaws shall be reported to the Secretary of this church.**

**\*S18.30. Amendments to Continuing Resolutions**

**\*S18.31. This Synod may adopt continuing resolutions not in conflict with this constitution or its bylaws or the constitution or bylaws of this church. Such continuing resolutions may be adopted or amended by a majority vote of the Synod Assembly or by a two-thirds vote of the Synod Council. Newly adopted continuing resolutions and amendments to existing continuing resolutions shall be reported to the Secretary of this church.**