

Lutheran CORE Convocation – August 9, 2011 Proposed Constitutional Amendments

There are four proposed amendments to the Lutheran CORE Constitution for consideration by the Convocation on August 9, 2011 at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church, Mill Run Campus, in Hilliard, Ohio.

This member-proposed amendment was approved by the 2010 Convocation and if approved by the 2011 Convocation will become effective:

Amendment A

2.02.c. The canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God. Inspired by ~~God's~~ the Holy Spirit speaking through their authors, they record and announce God's revelation centering in Jesus Christ. Through them ~~God's~~ the Holy Spirit speaks to us to create and sustain Christian faith and fellowship for service in the world.

These amendments are proposed by the Steering Committee and if approved by the 2011 Convocation will become effective:

Amendment B

4.01.d. Be an advocate and prophetic voice to churches within the Lutheran community, and work for reform and renewal under the Word of God, and ~~will~~ advocate for Biblical authority and Lutheran confessional identity.

Rationale: Section 4.01. begins "Lutheran CORE shall:" so grammatically "will" is unnecessary.

Amendment C

~~7.13. The secretary shall have voice but not vote in all meetings of the Steering Committee.~~

Rationale: The Steering Committee recommends that the Secretary have vote as well as voice at all meetings of the Steering Committee.

Amendment D

~~7.20. The terms of the officers and Steering Committee members shall begin on December 1 of the year of election. Until that date current Steering Committee members and officers shall retain their positions immediately following the convocation at which they are elected.~~

Rationale: The December 1 date was deemed necessary only in the weeks following the first regular elections in 2010 under the constitution to ensure an orderly transition from the pre-constitutional officers and Steering Committee to the present. Now with staggered terms of Steering Committee members in place and regular terms for officers, the Steering Committee recommends that terms begin immediately after the convocation at which elections are held.

Download the complete text of the current Lutheran CORE Constitution at:
<http://www.lutherancore.org/pdf/L-CORE-constitution-8.26.10.pdf>