

**BYLAWS**  
**of the**  
**SASKATCHEWAN SYNOD**  
**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA**

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**Part I**  
**Synod Office**  
(Constitution, Article II)

Section 1. The Synod Office shall be located in Saskatoon.

Section 2. All executive offices shall be located at the Synod Office unless otherwise approved by Synod Council.

**Part II**  
**Organizational Relationships**

Section 1. Congregation (Constitution, Article VI)

- a. In relating to congregations within its territory, the synod shall organize, recognize, receive, release and exclude congregations, and approve or disapprove of the relocation or the merger of congregations.
- b. Congregations may petition this synod according to the procedures set forth in these bylaws, Part V, Section 8.
- c. A lay member of a congregation who wishes to appeal discipline imposed by his or her congregation on that member shall appeal in writing to the bishop within thirty (30) days after the disciplinary action has been taken. The appellant shall send copies of the appeal to the congregation. The bishop shall appoint a special committee to investigate the appeal. The decision of the committee shall be reported to the appellant, the pastor and secretary of the congregation and to the bishop. The decision of the committee shall be final.

Section 2. Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (Constitution, Article V)

In relating to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, this synod shall recognize, where operating within the territory of the synod, all organizations recognized by the ELCIC, as provided for in the ELCIC Constitution, Article XVI.

Section 3. Specialized Ministries

- a. This synod may affiliate with specialized ministries such as campus ministries, camps, Lutheran social service agencies and health care institutions.
- b. On request of an affiliated institution or agency, synod council may call and install a pastor or chaplain to such affiliated agency or institution.
- c. Synod council may, when requested, appoint a representative to the board of directors of affiliated agencies or institutions.

**Part III**  
**Rostered Ministers - Ordained**  
(Constitution, Article VIII)

- Section 1. Ordination of approved candidates shall take place at a time and place, in consultation with the bishop.
- Section 2. The synod shall have a call process approved by synod council. A congregation wishing to extend a call shall follow the general procedures set out in the call process unless otherwise advised by the bishop due to unusual circumstances.
- Section 3. Each ordained minister, except those who are retired, disabled, on leave from call, or suspended from pastoral ministry, shall be in possession of a proper call from a congregation, a synod or this church itself. Such a call may be for an indefinite or a specified length of time. Before issuing the call, the calling agency shall consult with the bishop of this synod.
- Section 4. An ordained minister shall inform the congregational council and the bishop immediately upon receipt of a call to another ministry, and shall inform the calling agency and the bishop of any decision made within thirty days unless an extension is granted by mutual consent of all the parties involved. An ordained minister shall terminate an existing call within two months of accepting another call, unless an extension is granted by mutual consent of all the parties involved.
- Section 5. a. Termination of Call  
When no term is specified, a regular call accepted by an ordained minister to a congregation shall constitute a relationship which may be terminated for the following causes:
- i. Resignation of the ordained minister;
  - ii. Disqualification of the ordained minister as a result of discipline;
  - iii. Division of the pastoral charge;
  - iv. Incapacity of the ordained minister, either physical or mental;
  - v. Continued neglect of ministry by the ordained minister;
  - vi. Inability to conduct the ministerial office satisfactorily in a congregation in view of local conditions, without reflection on the moral and spiritual character of the ordained minister.
- b. In the conditions set out in Section 5, iv, v, vi, the bishop or designate may implement an investigation which may involve appointment of an advisory committee according to the following:
- i. Upon the request of the congregational council or on receipt of a petition signed by at least one-third of the voting members of a congregation.

- ii. An allegation of physical or mental disability which shall secure medical testimony to confirm or refute such allegation. If incapacity is confirmed, the bishop may, on the advice of the committee and with the concurrence of the congregational council, declare the pastorate vacant. Should the ordained minister be restored to health, the bishop shall take steps to enable the ordained minister to resume ministry in the congregation last served or in another ministry.
- iii. An allegation of neglect of ministry or of local conditions that imperil the well-being of a congregation shall provide an opportunity for all concerned parties to be heard.
- iv. With the concurrence of the congregational council, the bishop or designate may suspend the ordained minister from ministerial duties pending the outcome of formal proceedings when circumstances warrant.
- v. At the conclusion of an investigation, the bishop, in company with the committee if applicable, shall bring recommendations to the ordained minister and the congregation for consideration and action. Such counsel shall be offered in Christian love and is not to be regarded as a disciplinary measure. If the situation cannot be resolved amicably, the ordained minister may resign, or the congregation may terminate the call by a majority vote at a properly called congregational meeting.
- vi. The foregoing procedure shall not be invoked when questions of doctrine or morality are involved. Such cases shall be treated as disciplinary matters.

Section 6. An ordained minister shall preach the Word, administer the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Holy Baptism, and conduct public worship in harmony with the faith and practices of the church; equip, train, and mentor all God's people for ministry in all areas of spiritual renewal and faith formation; confirm and marry in accordance with the teaching of the church and with the laws of the province or territory, visit the sick and distressed and bury the dead; strive for righteousness, godliness faith, love, endurance and gentleness; install members of the Congregational Council and, with the council, administer discipline; seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for rostered ministry; encourage the members to be generous in support of the ministry of the congregation, the synod and the church; commend members who move to the pastoral care of the parish in which their new home is located.

Section 7. An ordained minister shall not preach or perform any ministerial act within the parish of another ordained minister except at the latter's request or consent, or visit or perform ministerial acts in a time of a ministerial vacancy, except by invitation of the interim minister or congregational council.

Section 8. The ordained minister shall ensure that the congregation keeps accurate records of membership, baptisms, confirmations, marriages, burials and communicants, and shall report such statistics annually on the forms prescribed by this church. . The congregational records shall be kept in a separate book which shall remain the property of the congregation.

Section 9. All ordained ministers serving under call are expected to attend all conventions of this synod.

Section 10. An ordained minister of a church with which the ELCIC has a full communion agreement serving in this synod under the provisions of the full communion agreement shall have the same rights and privileges as an ordained minister of this synod.

**Part IV**  
**Rostered Ministers - Diaconal**  
(Constitution, Article IX)

Section 1. Consecration of approved candidates shall take place at a time and place in consultation with the bishop.

Section 2. The synod shall have a call process approved by synod council. A congregation wishing to extend a call shall follow the general procedures set out in the call process unless otherwise advised by the bishop due to unusual circumstances.

Section 3. Each diaconal minister, except those who are retired, disabled, on leave from call, or suspended from pastoral ministry, shall be in possession of a proper call from a congregation, a synod or this church itself. Such a call may be for an indefinite or a specified length of time. Before issuing the call, the calling agency shall consult with the bishop of this synod.

Section 4. A diaconal minister under call shall inform the congregational council and the bishop immediately upon receipt of a call to another ministry, and shall inform the calling agency and the bishop of any decision made within thirty days unless an extension is granted by mutual consent of all the parties involved. A diaconal minister shall terminate an existing call within two months of accepting another call, unless an extension is granted by mutual consent of all the parties involved.

Section 5. a. Termination of call

When no term is specified, a regular call accepted by a diaconal minister to a congregation shall constitute a relationship which may be terminated for the following causes:

- i. Resignation of the diaconal minister;
- ii. Disqualification of the diaconal minister as a result of discipline;
- iii. Division of the pastoral charge;
- iv. Incapacity of the diaconal minister; either physical or mental
- v. Continued neglect of ministry by the diaconal minister;
- vi. Inability to conduct the ministerial office satisfactorily in a congregation in view of location conditions, without reflection on the moral and spiritual character of the diaconal minister.

- b. In the conditions set out in Section 5, iv, v, vi, the bishop or designate may implement an investigation which may involve appointment of an advisory committee according to the following:
- i. Upon the request of the congregational council or on receipt of a petition signed by at least one-third of the voting members of a congregation.
  - ii. An allegation of physical or mental disability which shall secure medical testimony to confirm or refute such allegation. If incapacity is confirmed, the bishop may, on the advice of the committee and with the concurrence of the congregational council, declare the pastorate vacant. Should the diaconal minister be restored to health, the bishop shall take steps to enable the diaconal minister to resume ministry in the congregation last served or in another ministry.
  - iii. An allegation of neglect of ministry or of local conditions that imperil the well-being of a congregation shall provide an opportunity for all concerned parties to be heard.
  - iv. With the concurrence of the congregational council, the bishop or designate may suspend the diaconal minister from ministerial duties pending the outcome of formal proceedings when circumstances warrant;
  - v. At the conclusion of an investigation, the bishop, in company with the committee if applicable, shall bring recommendations to the diaconal minister and the congregation for consideration and action. Such counsel shall be offered in Christian love and is not to be regarded as a disciplinary measure. If the situation cannot be resolved amicably, the pastor may resign, or the congregation may terminate the call by a majority vote at a properly called congregational meeting.
  - vi. The foregoing procedure shall not be invoked when questions of doctrine or morality are involved. Such cases shall be treated as disciplinary matters.

Section 6. All diaconal ministers serving under call are expected to attend all conventions of this synod.

**Part V**  
**Conventions**  
(Constitution, Article XI)

Section 1. The regular conventions of this synod shall be held triennially the year prior to the national convention. The location and time of convention shall be set by Synod Council.

Section 2. The Secretary shall publish the time and place of each regular convention at least six months in advance. The secretary shall send out a bulletin of reports to all voting members at least thirty (30) days before each regular convention.

Section 3. The voting membership of conventions shall consist of:

- a. One lay delegate from each congregation and, from congregations having more than three hundred (300) baptized members, one lay delegate for each additional two hundred (200) baptized members;
- b. Ordained ministers on the roster of this synod; and
- c. Diaconal ministers on the roster of this synod;
- d. Lay members of synod council;
- e. A maximum of twelve youth delegates shall be chosen by Synod Council from a list of nominees submitted by congregations of the Synod.

Section 4. At least sixty days prior to the opening day of the convention:

- a. Each congregation shall submit the name and address of its lay delegates to the synod secretary; and
- b. Each rostered minister, active, non-parish, and retired, shall submit his/her name and address to the synod secretary.

Section 5. A majority of the registered voting delegates shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6. Seat and voice at conventions shall be granted to:

- a. The Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and such other official representatives of this church as may be designated by National Church Council;
- b. Chairpersons of synodical committees in connection with their reports; and
- c. Representatives of institutions and agencies related to or officially recognized by the synod.

Section 7. All arrangements for worship services or public meetings shall be made in consultation with the bishop.

Section 8. Congregations may petition this synod in convention by submitting the petition in writing to the secretary of this synod for inclusion in the bulletin of reports. If the petition is too late for inclusion in the bulletin of reports, the secretary shall deliver the petition to the Reference and Counsel Committee for presentation to the convention.

Section 9. Synod council shall approve the convention budget which will include the participation of all delegates - lay, rostered, and youth. Convention costs shall be shared among the congregations by dividing the total convention costs by the total number of confirmed members in this synod times the number of confirmed members reported by each congregation in their most recent parochial report.

## Section 10. Special Conventions

- a. Special conventions for specified purposes shall be called by the chairperson of this synod within ninety days of receiving in writing a request for such a convention from:
  - i. Synod council by at least a two-thirds majority vote; or
  - ii. One-fifth of the congregations of this synod and one-fifth of the rostered ministers under call on its roster.
- b. The secretary shall give written notice of a special convention to each congregation, and each rostered minister,, and shall publish the same at least thirty days prior to the opening date of the convention.
- c. The voting members at a special convention shall consist of:
  - i. Lay delegates who were seated in the preceding regular convention provided that they have not been disqualified by termination of membership in the congregation they represented. Vacancies in the lay delegates shall be filled by the congregations affected at a regular or specially called congregational meeting. Vacancies thus filled shall be reported to the secretary of the synod not less than five days before the special convention.
  - ii. Lay members of the current synod council;
  - iii. Ordained ministers on the roster of the synod at the time of the special convention; and
  - iv. Diaconal ministers on the roster of the synod at the time of the special convention.

## Section 11. Nominations and Elections (Constitution, Articles XII-XIII)

- a. The convention shall elect the bishop, secretary and treasurer, and synod council members in the following manner:
  - i. Nomination for bishop shall be limited to those who are or are eligible to be on the roster of ordained ministers of this church.
  - ii. The election of the bishop shall be by secret ballot without oral nomination, and shall proceed in the following manner:
    1. On the first ballot, three-fourths of the votes cast shall elect. If the first ballot does not result in an election, it shall be considered a nominating ballot. Thereafter, voting shall be limited to those persons named on the first ballot and who have agreed to participate in the call process and proceed to second ballot.
    2. On the second ballot, two-thirds of the votes cast shall elect. If the second ballot does not result in an election, voting shall be limited to the four persons receiving the highest number of votes cast.



3. On the third ballot, a majority of the votes cast shall elect. If the third ballot does not result in an election, voting shall be limited to the three persons receiving the highest number of votes cast. Following the third ballot, those three persons receiving the highest number of votes cast will be invited to address the convention.
  4. On the fourth ballot, a majority of the votes cast shall elect. If the fourth ballot does not result in an election, voting shall be limited to the two persons receiving the highest number of votes cast. Following the fourth ballot, those two persons receiving the highest number of votes cast will be invited to respond to questions submitted in writing from the convention delegates and selected by the elections committee. As each responds, the other candidate will be sequestered.
  5. On the fifth ballot, a majority of the votes cast shall elect.
  6. A call to serve as bishop will be offered to the elected candidate for consideration.
- iii. The Committee on Nominations shall provide a nomination for each synod council position, except that of the bishop.
  - iv. Additional nominations may be made from the floor for all positions except that of the bishop, with the prior consent of the person being nominated.
  - v. All elections shall be by secret ballot.
  - vi. In all elections, except for that of the bishop, a majority of the votes cast shall elect.
  - vii. If an election does not occur on a first ballot for any position except that of the bishop, voting on the second ballot shall be limited to the two persons receiving the highest number of votes cast on the first ballot.
  - viii. The result of each ballot in every election shall be announced in detail to the convention.
- b. Election of synodical representatives to the Lutheran Theological Seminary Board of Governors shall proceed as follows:
    - i. Synod council, in consultation with the seminary, shall nominate one or more persons for each position for which election is required.
    - ii. Nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of those nominated.
    - iii. Normally, nominations will be presented in such a way that representation alternates between male and female at the completion of an individual's term or terms.

- iv. A majority of the votes cast shall elect. If an election does not occur on a first ballot, voting on a second ballot shall be limited to the two persons receiving the highest number of votes cast on the first ballot.

Section 12. The convention procedures shall be published in a convention manual approved by Synod Council.

## **Part VI**

### **Elections of Delegates to the National Church Convention**

(Congregation Constitution, Article VI, Sec. 2)

Section 1. The synod secretary shall inform the congregations of the number of voting delegates and the apportionment of lay, youth and rostered ministers to be elected to the national church convention as determined by this church.

Section 2. Delegates will be elected at the synod convention in the year preceding the national convention. Nominations will be called for a minimum of 120 days prior to the synod convention and will close no later than 60 days prior to the synod convention.

Section 3. The delegate costs for attendance at National Convention will be shared among the congregations by dividing the total delegate costs by the total number of confirmed members in this synod times the number of confirmed members reported by each congregation in their most recent parochial report.

## **Part VII**

### **Synod Council**

(Constitution, Article XII)

Section 1. The membership of synod council shall be the bishop, secretary and treasurer of the synod together with 8 additional members consisting of an equal number of rostered ministers and lay persons elected by the convention to serve for six years in such manner that the terms of one-half of the elected members shall expire each triennium.

Section 2. Synod council shall:

- a. Develop and monitor a Strategic Plan to equip and empower the synod in carrying out its mission and ministry, including development of governance policies for the Synod;
- b. Elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its members for a term of three years. The election shall be held at the first synod council meeting following each Synod convention.
- c. Be the directors of the corporation and trustees for this synod;
- d. Issue letters of call to rostered ministers who are full-time officers or staff officials of the

synod, or who are called to special service;

- e. Fill vacancies until the next convention except as otherwise provided;
- f. Determine the fact of the incapacity of an officer of the synod according to the procedures in the bylaws of this church;
- g. Approve candidates for call, ordination and admission to the rosters of ordained and diaconal ministers;
- h. Appoint a committee on nominations;
- i. Appoint all committees for which there is no other provision;
- j. Carry out duties in good faith with diligence, care, and skill;
- k. Expect the same standard of conduct from lay, ordained and diaconal members;
- l. Make and enforce its own policies, including the discipline of its members; and
- m. Perform such additional duties as prescribed in the constitution, the bylaws, or by resolutions of this synod in convention.

Section 3. Synod council shall appoint an ordained minister to assume the duties and responsibilities of the bishop in the event of the resignation, incapacity, or death of the bishop, pending the election of a new bishop at the next regular or specially called synod convention.

Section 4. Synod council shall hold at least two meetings annually.

Section 5. Special meetings of the synod council may be called by the bishop or chairperson of this synod when circumstances warrant.

Section 6. A majority of the members of synod council shall constitute a quorum.

### **Part VIII** **Duties of the Synod Officers** **(Constitution, Article XIII)**

Section 1. The chairperson of this synod shall:

- a. Convene and preside over conventions of this synod and meetings of synod council; and
- b. Perform additional duties as prescribed in the synod council governance and policy manuals.

Section 2. The vice-chairperson of this synod shall:

- a. Assume the duties of the chairperson at the request of the chairperson, or in the event the chairperson is unable to fulfill the duties of that position; and
- b. Perform additional duties as prescribed in the synod council governance and policy manuals.

Section 3. The secretary shall:

- a. Oversee all secretarial and record keeping duties on behalf of this synod as prescribed in these bylaws and in the synod council governance and policy manuals.

Section 4. The treasurer shall:

- a. Oversee all financial affairs and accounts of this synod, including deeds, mortgages, contracts, trust funds, investments, etc.;
- b. Be bonded under the fidelity coverage provided by this church; and
- c. Perform additional duties as prescribed in the synod council governance and policy manuals.

**Part IX**  
**Duties of the Bishop**  
(Constitution, Article XIII)

Section 1. The bishop shall be a minister of Word and Sacrament of this church. As this Synod's pastor, the bishop shall:

- a. Preach, teach, and administer the sacraments in accord with the Confession of Faith of this church.
- b. Have primary responsibility for the ministry of Word and Sacrament in this synod and its congregations, providing pastoral care and leadership for this synod, its congregations and its rostered ministers.
- c. Exercise solely this church's power to ordain (or provide the ordination by another synodical bishop of) approved candidates who have received and accepted a properly issued, duly attested letter of call for the office of ordained ministry. (and as provided in the bylaws of this church).
- d. Consecrate (or provide for the consecration of) approved candidates who have received and accepted a properly issued, duly attested letter of call for service as diaconal ministers of this church.

- e. Oversee the call process. Attest letters of call for persons called to serve congregations in the synod, letters of call for persons called by the Synod Council.
- f. Install (or provide for the installation of) rostered ministers whose calls the bishop has attested.
- g. Interpret and advocate the mission and theology of the synod as a whole.

Section 2. The bishop shall be the chief executive officer of this synod discharging all duties and obligations of that office as mandated in the constitution, the bylaws and by resolution of Synod Council. As the chief executive officer of this synod the bishop shall:

- a. Serve as an ex officio member of all committees of this Synod.
- b. Leader in fostering support for and commitment to the mission of this church within this Synod.
- c. Coordinate the use of the resources to achieve the Synod's Strategic Plan.
- d. Advise and counsel the Synod's affiliated institutions and agencies.
- e. Supervise all Synod staff.
- f. Form management task forces as are necessary in the life of the Synod.
- g. Appoint the synod archivist / necrologist to maintain historical records on behalf of this Synod.
- h. Submit a report to each regular meeting of the Synod Convention and to Synod Council conserving the Synod's life and work.
- i. Perform other duties as prescribed in the constitutions and bylaws of this church and the synod, and the synod council governance and policy manuals.

**Part X**  
**Standing Committees**  
(Constitution, Article XIV)

Section 1. Standing committees of this synod will have continued existence, formed to do their assigned work on an ongoing basis.

Section 2. This synod shall have a Synod Examining Committee and shall participate in the Western Synods Examining Committee. Terms of reference for and procedures of the Examining Committee shall be defined in the candidacy manual of this church.

- a. The Synod Examining Committee shall be a standing committee of this synod.
  - i. The Synod Examining Committee shall be accountable to synod council and report to synod council through the office of the bishop.
  - ii. The Synod Examining Committee shall consist of the bishop and five members appointed by synod council: one seminary professor, two lay persons, one diaconal minister, and one ordained minister. The committee will name its own chairperson and secretary.
  - iii. The appointed members shall serve for six year terms with a two-consecutive-terms limit staggered so that no more than half are replaced at any one time.
  - iv. When the Western Synods Examining Committee is not meeting, it shall be the duty of the Synod Examining committee to examine candidates for ordained and diaconal ministry, for reception from other Lutheran churches with whom mutual recognition of ministry has not been established, and for reception from other Christian churches according to policies and procedures established by this church. The committee shall present its recommendations to synod council.
  - v. The committee shall work in close cooperation with the Candidacy Committee.
- b. The Western Synods Examining Committee shall be the usual body to examine candidates for ordained and diaconal ministry.
  - i. The Western Synods Examining Committee shall serve the Synods of British Columbia, Alberta and the Territories, Saskatchewan and Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario.
  - ii. Annually, the synod council shall appoint one lay person and one rostered person from the synod examining committee to the Western Synods Examining Committee, making a total of eight persons appointed from the four participating synods. Of the four rostered persons appointed, at least one rostered person shall be a diaconal minister, with that position assigned to one of the synods by agreement of the synod bishops.
  - iii. The Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon shall annually appoint two faculty members.
  - iv. The synod bishops shall serve *ex officio* on the Western Synods Examining Committee.
  - v. This committee shall meet at a time determined by the synod bishops.
  - vi. Each examination shall be conducted by a sub-committee of the Western Synods Examining Committee comprised of at least one member from each synod, including one faculty, two lay persons, two rostered persons, and the bishop of the candidate's

synod. When a diaconal candidate is being examined, the sub-committee shall include a diaconal minister.

- vii. It shall be the duty of this committee to examine candidates for ordained and diaconal ministry, for reception from other Lutheran churches with whom mutual recognition of ministry has not been established, and for reception from other Christian churches. The committee shall report its recommendations to the synod council of the synod where the candidate is registered.

Section 3. The Candidacy Committee shall be a standing committee of this synod.

- a. The Candidacy Committee shall be accountable to synod council and shall report to the council through the office of the bishop.
- b. The Candidacy Committee shall consist of no fewer than four and no more than six members split equally between lay persons and rostered ministers and shall be appointed by synod council. The synod bishop shall be an ex officio member. The committee will name its own chairperson and secretary.
- c. The appointed members shall serve for six year terms with a two consecutive-term limit, staggered so that no more than half are replaced at any one time.
- d. It shall be the duty of this committee to select and endorse candidates for the ordained and diaconal ministry; receive applications from candidates who come from Lutheran churches with whom mutual recognition of ministry has not yet been established, or who come from other churches; and refer candidates to the examining committee for colloquy according to the policies and procedures established by this church.
- e. This committee shall receive applications for financial aid from ministry candidates and authorize the disbursement of synod funds designated for this purpose.

Section 4. The Mission in Ministry Committee shall be a standing committee of this synod.

- a. The Mission in Ministry Committee shall be accountable to synod council and shall report to the council through the office of the bishop.
- b. The Mission in Ministry Committee shall consist of no fewer than four nor more than six members. The members shall be appointed by the synod council. The synod bishop, or designate, shall be an ex officio member. Due attention shall be given to rostered/lay representation. The committee will name its own chairperson and secretary.
- c. The members shall serve for six year terms with a two consecutive term limit, staggered so that no more than half are replaced at any one time.
- d. It shall be the duty of the Mission in Ministry Committee to:
  - i. Provide direction and leadership for mission initiatives in the synod;

- ii. Initiate and maintain linkages with mission partners in Canada;
- iii. Support new and continuing mission initiatives in congregations and specialized ministries;
- iv. Recommend disbursement of designated programming funds to Synod Council;
- v. Function according to the policies and procedures of the Church Extension and Capital Fund Management Handbook.

Section 5. The Committee for Lutheran Campus Ministry – Saskatoon shall be a standing committee of this synod.

- a. The Committee for Lutheran Campus Ministry – Saskatoon shall be accountable to synod council and shall report to the council through the office of the bishop.
- b. The Committee for Lutheran Campus Ministry – Saskatoon shall consist of six members, the majority of whom shall be members of ELCIC congregations. The members shall be nominated by the Bishop in consultation with the Committee for Lutheran Campus Ministry – Saskatoon, and appointed by Synod Council. The Committee will name its own chairperson, secretary and treasurer.
- c. The committee may appoint up to three student members.
- d. The student members shall serve for one-year terms with all other members serving two-year terms. No member shall be eligible for appointment for more than three consecutive terms.
- d. It shall be the duty of the Committee for Lutheran Campus Ministry – Saskatoon to:
  - i. Create and nurture a Christian community, the ministry of which shall be focused primarily within the University of Saskatchewan campus;
  - ii. Evaluate programs, their effectiveness and adherence to Lutheran theology and practice;
  - iii. Manage the Lutheran Campus Centre properties in Saskatoon;
  - iv. Prepare the annual budget for Lutheran Campus Ministry – Saskatoon and recommend it to the Bishop.
  - v. Elect and recommend a chaplain for call.



**Part XI**  
**Lutheran Theological Seminary**  
(Constitution, Article XV)

- Section 1. The property of the seminary, both real and personal, shall be held by the board of governors in trust for and under the guidance of the British Columbia Synod, Alberta and the Territories Synod, Saskatchewan Synod and Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod.
- Section 2 Any proposal for increase in the number of members of the board must have the approval of the Synod.
- Section 3. Election of Synod representatives to the LTS Board shall be in accordance with the LTS Constitution, Bylaws and policies.
- Section 4. Financial support for the seminary shall be determined by a process of consultation between the board of governors and synod council.
- Section 5. The board shall make a report to the regular convention of this synod.

**Part XII**  
**Financial Matters**

- Section 1. The fiscal year and the budget year of the synod shall be the calendar year.
- Section 2. The annual budget and financial reports of the synod shall reflect the entire range of its activities. The income listed shall include support from all sources.
- Section 3. Special appeals to congregations for the raising of funds shall require the consent of the convention or synod council.
- Section 4. Synod Council shall submit the financial accounts of this synod annually for audit to a Chartered Professional Accountant.