

Resolution #2

Regarding Amending Bylaws in the Northwestern Minnesota Synod Constitution under *S18.21

1 **Background information:**

2 †S18.21. This synod may adopt bylaws not in conflict with this constitution or with the
3 constitution and bylaws of the churchwide organization. This synod may amend its
4 bylaws at any meeting of the Synod Assembly by a two-thirds vote of voting members
5 of the assembly present and voting. Newly adopted bylaws and amendments to existing
6 bylaws shall be reported to the secretary of this church.

7 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SYNOD CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AND**
8 **CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

9 *Note: Items to be removed are ~~struck out~~. Items to be added are underlined. This resolution*
10 *requires a 2/3 majority in order to pass.*

11 S8.14.04. The employment of all support staff for the synod shall be governed by ~~shall not be~~
12 ~~co-terminus with the term of the bishop, but all support positions are subject to review according~~
13 ~~to the employment provisions of the Personnel Policies of the synod, and according to the~~
14 ~~possible changing personnel needs of the synod.~~

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16 S11.05.01. The Synod Council may establish other ~~Commissions and Task Forces~~ committees
17 and organizational units for the synod. The titles, responsibilities, composition of
18 membership, and organizational procedures for these committees and organizational
19 units shall be set forth in continuing resolutions. The bishop or his/her designee
20 shall be an ex officio member of all committees and organizational units.

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22 a. ~~The names, responsibilities, and composition of other Synod Commissions and Task~~
23 ~~Forces shall be set forth in Continuing Resolutions.~~

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25 ~~b. Unless otherwise provided by the Synod Council, such Commissions and Task~~
26 ~~Forces shall normally have 3 to 5 planning members.~~

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28 ~~e. Other working members may be recruited by the Commissions and Task Forces with~~
29 ~~the approval of the Synod Council.~~

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31 ~~d. The membership of Commissions and Task Forces shall be appointed by the Synod~~
32 ~~Council from the membership of the congregations or rosters of the synod.~~

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34 ~~e. Unless otherwise provided by the Synod Council, terms of office shall be three~~
35 ~~years.~~

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37 ~~f. Commission and Task Force members may serve two successive terms.~~

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39 ~~g. Unless otherwise provided, each Commission and Task Force shall develop a vision~~

40 statement, recommend a program of action, and request funding from the Synod
41 Council through the committee to which they report.

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43 ~~h. Each Commission and Task Force shall carry out the programs approved by the~~
44 ~~Synod Council.~~

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46 ~~i. The Bishop or an appointee representing the Bishop shall have the right to attend and~~
47 ~~provide leadership to the Commissions and Task Forces.~~