AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ESPERANZA LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOR COSIDERATION AT THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, JANUARY 31, 2021

**Additions are underlined. Deletions are ~~struck through~~ in the text.**

**C12.01.**

The voting membership of the Congregation Council shall consist of the pastor, the deacon, the officers of this congregation, and nine (9) members] of this congregation, at least one of whom shall be a youth and at least one of whom shall be a young adult. Any voting member of this congregation may be elected, subject only to the limitation on the length of continuous service permitted in that office.

**C12.02.**

The members of the Congregation Council, except the pastor and the deacon, shall be elected by written ballot of the voting members present at an annual meeting to serve for two years or until their successors are elected. ~~and assume office~~. Such members shall be eligible ~~for election by this congregation~~ for no more than two ~~consecutive~~ full terms consecutively and an immediately preceding partial term. Their terms shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected. ~~first Congregation Council meeting following the annual meeting at which they are elected~~. Newly elected Congregation Council members shall be installed at worship at a time appointed by the Congregation Council. ~~the Sunday prior to the date they assume office.~~

**C12.05.B90**

Pledges ~~as well as~~ and giving records will be made available ~~only~~ to the Pastor, ~~and either~~ the Financial Secretary ~~or~~ and the Treasurer.

**C12.13.**

The Congregation Council, committees, teams and task forces ~~and its committees~~ may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference and, to the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.

**Chapter 13. CONGREGATION COMMITTEES, TEAMS AND TASK FORCES**

**C13.02.01**

~~This~~ The ***Nominating committee*** shall select candidates for Church Council, to serve as congregational representatives as described in 5.04, and for any other positions required by the constitution; bylaws; or continuing resolutions of this congregation. The selection process shall be carried out in an orderly manner with the full consent of each of the candidates.

**C13.06**

Other committees, teams or task forces of this congregation may be formed, as the need arises, by decision of the Congregation Council.

**C13.08.**

The pastor of this congregation shall be ex officio a member of all committees, teams and task forces of this congregation. The president of this congregation shall be ex officio a member of all committees, teams and task forces of this congregation, except the Nominating Committee.

**C13.09**

The church council may create work groups in the form of committees, teams and task forces to assist in fulfilling the Statement of Purpose outlined in \*C4.02. and \*C4.03. of this constitution. The church council may seek members for any committee, team or task force and determine the responsibility of the work group.

a. The church council will assign all duties for committees, teams and task forces and shall be sole arbitrator of any conflict regarding assignments or responsibilities.

b. Committee(s) are defined as a formal work group of persons appointed or elected to perform a specific function as outlined in the constitution, bylaws, or continuing resolutions of this congregation.

c. Teams are defined as a work group of persons brought together for a common purpose, goal, or approach.

d. Task Forces are work groups and resources brought together to accomplish a specific objective and are intended to disband when the objective has been completed.

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