

Bylaw Changes

As required by the Constitution Bylaw changes are published 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Church Council proposes to make changes to the Constitution and Bylaws of Ascension Lutheran Church (ALC). The proposed changes are summarized first; language changes in individual bylaws sections follow below. Proposed Changes: The most substantive change proposed is that of eliminating the Financial Secretary as an Officer of the Church Council. This does not eliminate the position of the Financial Secretary, but does remove it from a council position. In this respect the Council Officers configuration more closely resembles the configuration normally found in congregations of the ELCA. Since the language concerning the Financial Secretary is eliminated, you are referred to the proposed Constitution and Bylaws to look at language concerning officers of the council (Chapter 11).

The other changes can be considered more in the vein of “bookkeeping”, are summarized here, and presented with their language changes below: (A) In Bylaws section 11.02.02 we have modified language pertaining to the Nominating Committee. In short, our total number of representatives to the Synod Assembly can vary based upon our actual membership. Our current language specifies a set number of members; we have removed that language and replaced it with language provided by the Oregon Synod which allows for a changing number of representatives from ALC. (B) In section 13.03.03 we re-title the “Faith Formation” Committee the “Faith Formation and Education” Committee to more accurately reflect its function. (C) In section 13.03.04 we eliminate the “Evangelism Committee” and associated description in favor of the “Community Life Committee” and associated language. We believe this to be more inclusive of our activities and more descriptive of our sense of mission. (D) In section 13.03.08 we re-title the “Worship” Committee the “Worship and Music” Committee to more accurately reflect its function.

C 11.01. The officers of this congregation shall be a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

BL 11.02.02: The Nominating Committee will solicit sufficient potential nominees to stand for election for the open officer and council member positions. The nominating committee also has the responsibility to present lay voting members, split as evenly as possible between males and females, in the number authorized by the Oregon Synod annually to attend the Assembly as voting members.

BL 13.03.03: Faith Formation and Education Committee: The principal role of the Faith Formation and Education Committee is to plan, implement, provide and evaluate life-long Christian educational programs for the Congregation and the community.

BL 13.03.04: Community Life Committee: The principal role of the Community Life Committee is to seek, cultivate, and facilitate opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through service and outreach, by helping others and inviting into fellowship those in our neighborhood and community.

BL 13.03.08: Worship and Music Committee: The Worship and Music Committee shall work with pastor(s) to ensure that the Gospel is proclaimed in its purity and the Sacraments are rightly administered. Further, the committee works collaboratively with the Roistered Staff, and assumes responsibility for other Worship and Music Staff.