

Attachment 2 – Amendment to Constitution and Bylaws

Motion: Per Synod review, eliminate Chapter 20 of the previously approved Constitution and Sections 21 & 22 of the previously approved Bylaws, effective upon Synod review and approval.

Articles

Chapter 20. PARISH AUTHORIZATION [* Required provisions when congregation is part of a parish]

*C20.01. This congregation may unite in partnership with one or more other congregations recognized by the synod named in *C6.01. to form a parish. Except as provided in *C20.02. and *C20.03., a written agreement, developed in consultation with the synod and approved by the voting members of each congregation participating in the parish, shall specify the powers and responsibilities that have been delegated to the Parish Council. The Parish Agreement shall identify which congregation of the parish issues calls on behalf of the member congregations or shall establish a process for identifying which congregation issues calls on behalf of the member congregations. *C20.02. One congregation of a parish shall issue a call on behalf of the member congregations to a minister of Word and Sacrament or a candidate for the roster of Ministers of Word and Sacrament who has been recommended by the synodical bishop to serve the congregations of the parish. Such a call shall be approved prior to issuance by a two-thirds vote at a congregational meeting of each congregation forming the parish. If any congregation of the parish should fail to approve the call, the other congregations of the parish shall have the right to terminate the parish agreement. *C20.03. One congregation of a parish may issue a call on behalf of the member congregations to a minister of Word and Service or a candidate for the roster of Ministers of Word and Service who has been recommended by the synodical bishop to serve the congregations of the parish. Such a call shall be approved prior to issuance by a two-thirds vote at a congregational meeting of each congregation forming the parish. If any congregation of the parish should fail to approve the call, the other congregations of the parish shall have the right to terminate the parish agreement. *C20.04. Any one of the congregations of the parish may terminate their relationship with the pastor as provided in †S14.18.d. of the synodical constitution of the synod named in *C6.01. In such case, the other congregation(s) of the same parish shall have the right to terminate the parish agreement. *C20.05. Any one of the congregations of the parish may terminate their relationship with a minister of Word and Service as provided in †S14.43.d. of the synodical constitution of the synod named in *C6.01. In such case, the other congregation(s) of the same parish shall have the right to terminate the parish agreement. *C20.06. Whenever a parish agreement is terminated, the call of any rostered minister serving that parish is terminated. Should any congregation that was formerly part of the parish agreement desire to issue a new call to that rostered minister, it may do so in accordance with the call process of this church.

Bylaws

B22. Continuing Resolutions. Continuing Resolutions may be established by the Council or the congregation to define policies and procedures pertaining to the day-to-day operational management of BLC and the use of its facilities. Such resolutions may expand upon but in no way conflict with any provision of the BLC Constitution or Bylaws. Continuing Resolutions may be enacted or amended by a two-thirds vote of Council members present at a meeting where the matter to be considered has been advertised at least two weeks prior to the meeting. In the event that the Council recommends policy outside of its designated authority or determines that an issue is of importance or sensitivity in enactment, it shall recommend continuing resolutions for Congregation approval. The Congregation may

adopt such a resolution by a simple majority vote of those present and voting at a congregation meeting where the topic has been brought to the attention of the congregation at last two weeks before the scheduled meeting. All adopted continuing resolutions will be organized by topic for reference, and made available to members and stored in the church office. B23. Bylaw Amendments The Bylaws may be amended at a Congregational Meeting called for that purpose by a two-thirds vote of those voting members present and voting