

2018 AMENDMENTS TO  
THE CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AND CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS OF  
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WOODSTOCK, INC.  
NOVEMBER 11, 2018

When the Churchwide Assembly amends provisions in the *Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*, our constitution may be amended to bring any section, required or not required, into conformity with a section or sections of the *Model*. [C16.04] Such amendments may be approved by a majority vote of those voting members present and voting at any legally called meeting of the congregation. Such provisions shall become effective immediately following a vote of approval.

Required provisions are designated in the Model Constitution for Congregations by an asterisk [\*]. In keeping with ELCA 9.52. and 9.25.b., the required provisions are:

\*PREAMBLE

Chapter 2. CONFESSION OF FAITH \*C2.01., \*C2.02., \*C2.03., \*C2.04., \*C2.05., \*C2.06. and \*C2.07.

Chapter 3. NATURE OF THE CHURCH \*C3.01., \*C3.02., \*C3.03., \*C3.04. and \*C3.05.

Chapter 4. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE \*C4.01., \*C4.02., \*C4.03., \*C4.04., \*C4.05. and \*C4.06.

Chapter 5. POWERS OF THE CONGREGATION \*C5.01., \*C5.02., \*C5.03. and \*C5.04.

Chapter 6. CHURCH AFFILIATION \*C6.01., \*C6.02., \*C6.03., \*C6.04., \*C6.05., \*C6.06. and \*C6.07.

Chapter 7. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP \*C7.01., \*C7.02., \*C7.03. and \*C7.04.

Chapter 8. MEMBERSHIP \*C8.01., \*C8.02., \*C8.03., \*C8.04. and \*C8.05.

Chapter 9. ROSTERED MINISTER \*C9.01., \*C9.02., \*C9.03., \*C9.04., \*C9.05., \*C9.06., \*C9.07., \*C9.08., \*C9.09., \*C9.11., \*C9.12., \*C9.13., \*C9.14., \*C9.21., \*C9.22., \*C9.23., \*C9.24., \*C9.25., \*C9.26., \*C9.27., \*C9.28., \*C9.29. and \*C9.31.

Chapter 15. DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS AND ADJUDICATION \*C15.01., \*C15.02., \*C15.03., \*C15.04., \*C15.05., \*C15.06., \*C15.07., \*C15.10. and \*C15.11.

Chapter 16. AMENDMENTS \*C16.01., \*C16.02., \*C16.03. and \*C16.04.

Chapter 17. BYLAWS \*C17.01., \*C17.02., \*C17.03. and \*C17.04.

Chapter 18. CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS \*C18.01. and \*C18.02.

Chapter 19. INDEMNIFICATION \*C19.01. Chapter

20. PARISH AUTHORIZATION (Required only for a congregation that is part of a parish) \*C20.01., \*C20.02., \*C20.03., \*C20.04., \*C20.05. and \*C20.06.

A copy of the Good Shepherd Constitution, with substantive amendments noted in red, is available online at the [www.gslutheran.org](http://www.gslutheran.org)

Primary provisions affected are in:

Chapter 3. NATURE OF THE CHURCH, addition of two items

Chapter 8. MEMBERSHIP, addition of "Seasonal members" category

Chapter 9. ROSTERED MINISTER

- Change of titles: "Ordained Minister" to "Minister of Word and Sacrament," "Associate in Ministry" to "Minister of Word and Service"
- Previous bylaws pertaining to the Associate in Minister have been deleted as the title no longer exists, and similar items referring to the Ministry of Word and Service (deacon) are now included in Chapter 9.
- Additional provisions for the termination of a Minister of Word and Sacrament
- Additional provision for calling or terminating a Minister of Word and Service

Chapter 10. CONGREGATION MEETING, definition of fiscal year has been added.

Chapter 15. DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS, additional provisions for discipline

Chapter 20. PARISH AUTHORIZATION, additional provisions, but this chapter is not likely to ever apply to Good Shepherd.

Additionally, our bylaws and continuing resolutions have been re-formatted so that they occur in conjunction with the constitutional provisions to which they apply as recommended by the *Model Constitution*.

The Congregation Council moves the following resolution:

**Be it Resolved that the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Woodstock, Inc. be amended *en bloc* as noted, to conform to the *Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America [2016 edition]* and to further define and clarify existing provisions.**