

Proposed Constitutional Bylaw Amendments

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After reviewing the current geographic/relational divisions of the synod (clusters), the following amendments are brought forward by the Synod Council.

S12.01.01. At the first meeting after each Synod Assembly, the Synod Council shall designate ~~the composition and names of the clusters~~ ***congregations to geographical and relational conferences***. This action shall be reported by means of the regular communication resources of the synod.

~~**S12.01.02.** Any congregation desiring to change its cluster affiliation or any cluster desiring to change its name shall make its desire known to the secretary of the synod who shall notify the Synod Council. Any such change shall become effective upon the approval of the Synod Council. Notice of such change shall be reported by means of the regular communication resources of the synod.~~

S12.01.02. *Conferences shall be named for their geographic or urban/rural relationship. Conferences that desire to change their name shall make that desire known to the secretary of the synod who shall notify the Synod Council. The name change shall become effective upon the approval of the Synod Council. Notice of the change shall be reported by means of the regular communications resources of the synod.*

S12.01.03. *Congregations that desire to challenge or change its conference affiliation shall make that desire known to the secretary of the synod who shall notify the Synod Council. The change shall become effective if approved by the Synod Council. Notice of the change shall be reported by means of the regular communications resources of the synod.*