



**Northwest Intermountain Synod
Notice of Special Synod Assembly Meeting
To be held via Zoom on April 21, 2024
at 6:30 pm Pacific Time/7:30 pm Mountain Time**

Pursuant to S.12. of the Constitution and Bylaws of Northwest Intermountain Synod a special meeting of the Synod is being called by the Bishop the purpose of which is:

- To review and approve several minor Bylaws revisions that were made to the Constitution and Bylaws since approved by the April 29, 2023, Synod Assembly. These changes are to the Bylaws only, and are mandatory edits identified by the ELCA Office of the Secretary.
- To elect one additional voting member position for the 2025 Churchwide Assembly. The position is for a lay person who is 30 years of age or under at the time of election, who is also a person of color, or English is not his/her primary language.

Following are the Sections of the Constitution and Bylaws with the proposed revised language:

Approved language at 2023 Synod Assembly:

S10.01.04. The designation lay male or female, or Minister of Word and Sacrament will alternate among those cluster representatives as follows: lay male – lay female – clergy.

Proposed revised language:

S10.01.04. The designation lay man or woman, or Minister of Word and Sacrament will alternate among those cluster representatives as follows: lay man – lay woman – rostered minister.

Approved language at 2023 Synod Assembly:

S10.06.01. Any member who has two consecutive unexcused absences will receive a letter reminding them of the requirements of a synod council member. If a member has three unexcused absences within a year, that synod council member will be asked to resign.

Proposed revised language:

S10.06.01. Any member who has two consecutive unexcused absences will receive a letter reminding them of the requirements of a synod council member. If a member has three unexcused absences within a year, the secretary shall declare the member's position to be vacant.

Approved language at 2023 Synod Assembly:

S11.01.04. The Executive Committee shall act as the Personnel Committee for the Synod Staff. They shall serve in an evaluative capacity, and advocate on behalf of its staff for salary and benefits, as needed.

Proposed revised language:

S11.01.04. The Executive Committee shall act as the Personnel Committee for the Synod Staff.



Approved language at 2023 Synod Assembly:

S11.02.01. There shall be eight members of the Consultation Committee, four members shall be ministers of Word and Sacrament, two shall be lay female, and two shall be lay male.

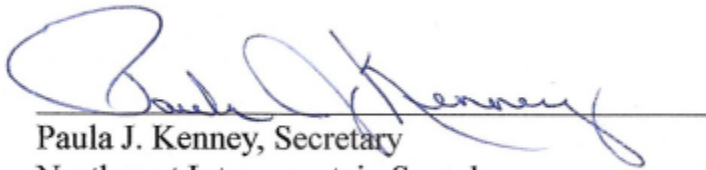
Proposed revised language:

S11.02.01. There shall be eight members of the Consultation Committee, four of whom should be rostered ministers, two shall be lay women, and two shall be lay men.

Pursuant to †**S7.21.01.** Voting members shall begin serving with the opening of a regular Synod Assembly and shall continue serving until voting members are seated at the next regular Synod Assembly.

Pursuant to **S7.14.** of the 2016 Constitution, a majority of the registered members of the Synod Assembly shall constitute a quorum.

Dated: February 13, 2024


Paula J. Kenney, Secretary
Northwest Intermountain Synod


Bishop Meggan H. Manlove

Rev. Meggan H. Manlove, Bishop
Northwest Intermountain Synod