

ELCA UPDATES  
REQUIRED PROVISIONS  
IN THE CONSTITUTION

Is your  
church  
up  
to date?

YES

NO

Congregation Council votes to recommend updates to the congregation constitution to be in conformity with the *Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* as most recently amended by the Churchwide Assembly.

The congregational council communicates its recommendation to the congregation and makes the updated constitution available for review by members at least 30 days prior to the congregational meeting.

At the duly called congregational meeting the members vote on only the "conformity" changes to the constitution as listed  
A simple majority is required to move forward.

The Congregation secretary emails an ELECTRONIC copy of all the documents as listed below to [cmack@njsynod.org](mailto:cmack@njsynod.org)

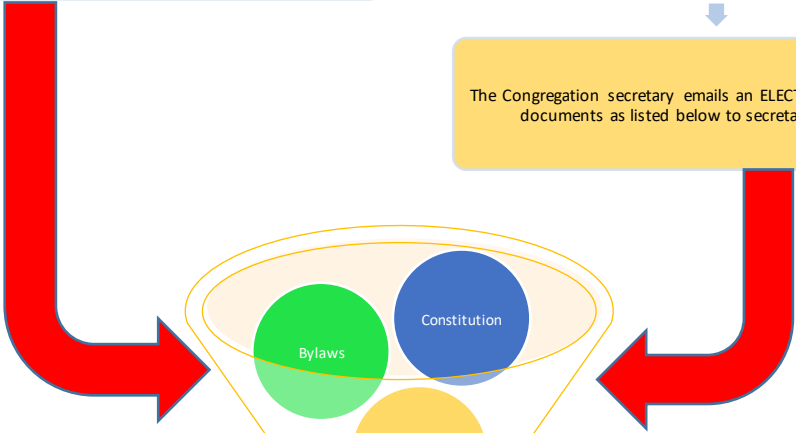
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The congregational council uses the most recent *Model Constitution* to bring the congregations constitution into compliance.  
This can be done by the Council or a designated constitution committee.

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The constitution committee reviews these documents for compliance before the NJ Synod Secretary files the documents. The congregation will be informed of any issues with the documents.