

Proposed Synod Constitutional Changes Related to Conference Model

S9.05.11. The ~~Clusters~~ ~~Conferences~~ shall nominate at least one person for each vacancy on the Synod Council. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

S10.01.A1321. The Synod Assembly shall elect ~~eleven~~ ~~ten~~ persons, ~~one~~ ~~two~~ from each ~~Cluster~~ ~~Conference~~, to serve as members of the Synod Council.

S10.01.B1321. Members of the synod council shall be elected in a three-year rotation. ~~Persons from the West Erie; City of Erie; Venango-Clarion; and Crawford-Mercer Clusters will be elected in the first year. Persons from the East Erie; Warren; Jefferson; and Indiana Clusters will be elected in the second year. Persons from the Agape, McKean-Potter; and Elk-Cameron will be elected in the third year.~~

S10.01.C0721. Each ~~Cluster~~ ~~Conference~~ shall nominate persons to appear on the ballot for Synod Council to be elected by the synod assembly.

S10.01.D0721. A lay person and a ~~clergy person~~ ~~rostered leader~~ shall serve ~~alternate terms~~ as ~~a~~ members of the Synod Council from each ~~Cluster~~ ~~Conference~~.

Revision of CRs

S12.01.A21. In addition to those indicated in S12.01, of this constitution, the purpose of the conferences is to provide for:

- a. common planning and development of strategies for the church on the territory;
- b. advice on location, relocation, realignment or closing of congregations;
- c. interpretation to congregational leadership of the mission efforts of this church, synod and region;
- d. memorializing the synod to take action on an issue broader than an internal conference matter;
- e. liaison between the synod and the congregations of the conference; and
- f. such other functions as the synod may assign them.

S12.01.B21. There shall be five (5) conferences: Clarion-Venango-Warren, Crawford-Mercer, Elk-Cameron-McKean-Potter, Erie, and Indiana-Jefferson.

S12.01.C21. The **Clarion-Venango-Warren Conference** shall be composed of: Berea, Pittsfield; Bethany, Sheffield; Faith, Venus; First, Warren; Good Hope, Oil City; Grace, Clarion; Grace, Franklin; Hessel Valley, Chandler's Valley; Holy Trinity, Shipperville; Mt. Zion, Tionesta; Salem, Lamartine; Saron, Youngsville; St. John's, Emlenton; St. John's, Warren; St. Paul, Warren; St. Paul's, Corry; St. Paul's, Knox; St. Peter's, St. Petersburg; Zion, Oil City

S12.01.D21. The **Crawford-Mercer Conference** shall be composed of: Christ, Sharon ; Holy Trinity, Greenville; Holy Trinity, Hermitage; St. John's, Greenville; St. Paul's, Drakes Mills; Trinity, Meadville; Twelve Apostles, Saegertown

S12.01.E21. The **Elk-Cameron-McKean-Potter Conference** shall be composed of: Bethlehem, Ridgway; Emmanuel, Bradford; Gethsemane, Port Allegany; Good Shepherd, St. Mary's; Maria, Dagus Mines; Moriah, Ludlow; Nazareth, Wilcox; St. John, Johnsonburg; St. John's, Emporium; St. Matthew's, Mt. Jewett; St. Paul's, Coudersport; St. Paul's, Galetton; Tabor, Kane; Trinity, Smethport

S12.01.F21. The **Erie Conference** shall be composed of: Abiding Hope, Erie; Faith, Harborcreek; Holy Trinity, Erie; Immanuel, Erie; Lamb of God, Erie; Luther Memorial, Erie; Messiah, Wesleyville; Mt. Calvary, Erie; New Jerusalem, Erie; Prince of Peace, Erie; St Peter's, North East; St. James, Fairview; St. John's, Erie; St. John's, Girard; St. Mark's, Waterford; St. Paul's, Erie; St. Peter's, Erie; St. Stephen's, Erie; Trinity, McKean

S12.01.G21. The **Indiana-Jefferson Conference** shall be composed of: Bethlehem, Ohl; First English, Punxsutawney; Grace, Brookville; Grove Chapel, Indiana; Harmony Grove, Creekside; Hebron, Avonmore; Hope, Homer City; Jerusalem, New Bethlehem; Luther Chapel, Coral; Mt. Zion, Punxsutawney; Mt. Zion, Trade City; New Life, Marion Center; St. Mark's, Eddyville; Trinity, Reynoldsville; Zion, Indiana; Zion, Shannondale

S12.01.H21. A congregation may transfer from one conference to another by request to the Synod Council and at the discretion of Synod Council.

S12.01.I21. Each Conference shall gather at least once per year.

S12.01.J21. Each Conference will meet in the April-May timeframe, in years in which synod council nominees are required to be brought forward by the conference to the synod assembly nominations committee.

S12.01.K21. The voting members of a Conference gathering shall include one lay person from each congregation within the Conference, one person from each agency or institution operating within the Conference, and all rostered leaders within the Conference.

S12.01.L21. Each Conference meeting will be convened by the Synod Council conference representative(s).

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S12.01.M21. A Conference meeting may be called by the synod bishop.

S12.01.N21. Each Conference is free to structure its internal workings based on S12.01 and the continuing resolutions within chapter 12 of this constitution.

S12.01.O21. Congregations are not subject to conference boundaries for clustering together for missional and ministry purposes.