

R-4-09 Substitute

WHEREAS, the Legal and Constitutional Review Committee of the ELCA Church Council recommended in November that any motion to come before this Churchwide Assembly regarding changes in this church's current policy and practice for the rostering of ordained ministers, diaconal ministers, associates in ministry, and deaconesses shall require a two-thirds vote by the assembly for adoption; and

WHEREAS, the ELCA Church Council voted 19-10 to delete this provision and is recommending rules of procedure for the 2009 Churchwide Assembly which would require only a simple majority vote to change ELCA standards.

WHEREAS, a two-thirds majority vote is usually required for major decisions including the adoption of an ELCA social statement and for amendments to the ELCA constitution and bylaws, so that such decisions will be accepted by the entire church as legitimate; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly will adopt its rules for the assembly and could set a two-thirds majority for adoption of any changes to standards for pastors and other rostered leaders; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly endorse the following provision as an addition to the rules of procedure for the 2009 Churchwide Assembly: "Any motion to come before this Churchwide Assembly regarding changes in this church's current policy and practice for the rostering of ordained ministers, diaconal ministers, associates in ministry, and deaconesses shall require a two-thirds vote by the assembly for adoption;" and be it further

RESOLVED, that this synod assembly urge that the voting members from the Indiana-Kentucky Synod present the above addition to the rules of procedure at the time the 2009 Churchwide Assembly considers the rules of procedure for the assembly.

Reference and Council Committee **RECOMMENDS ADOPTION**

R-4-09 was adopted.