

Constitution and Bylaws Update 2024

Reformation Lutheran Church, Media

1. All C&B amendments which were approved at the 2013, 2016, and 2019 ELCA CWAs.
2. Other amendments to the existing RLC C&B.

A. Amendments to the Bylaws:

- C11.01.01.a. – changing “pastor” to “pastor(s)/deacon(s)”.
- C11.01.01.a. and b. – removing authorization for the president (and/or vice president) to sign checks.
- C11.01.01.d. – clarifying language regarding the payment of bills by the treasurer.
- C13.02.03 – clarifying language regarding the group which chooses nominees for the youth positions on council.

B. Amendments to the Constitution (to be ratified in January 2025):

- C11.02. – changing the limitation on the permitted consecutive one-year terms of the president, vice president, and secretary from 2 to 3 and changing the length of the term of the treasurer from one year to three years.
- C11.03. – limiting the treasurer to serving no more than two consecutive three-year terms (RLC C&B prior to 2012 limited the treasurer to three consecutive one-year terms; in 2012 limitations were removed).
- C12.05.c. – changing the limitation on the Council from entering into contracts greater than \$10,000 for items not included in the budget to “5% of the prior year’s total income or \$25,000, whichever is greater.”
- C13.01. – changing the wording to state that all pastors and deacons under call to the congregation shall be part of the Executive Committee.
- C13.08. – changing the wording to state that all pastors and deacons under call to the congregation shall be *ex officio* members of all committees.
- C13.08. – removing the words “except the Nominating Committee” which currently precludes the president from being a member of that committee (this change would be consistent with our current practice).
- C13.08. – changing “pastor” to “pastor(s)/deacon(s)”.

C. Continuing Resolutions (amendments made by Council):

- C13.06A – updated language for ministry teams of the congregation
- C13.07A – updated language for ministry team responsibilities