

EXHIBIT A

Synod Council Recommendation 4 for Updating the SWPA Synod Constitution

GROUP A

Changes to the Constitution

These changes require two affirmative votes at consecutive Synod Assemblies.

This is the first reading and vote of these changes.

Constitution

(1) Create a section S9.07. Election Procedures

Rationale: This would be a place where bylaws on elections can be housed. They can live in S9.02, but would be better with its own section.

Create sections:

(2) S11.06. There shall be Standing Committees of the Synod. These committees shall be outlined in the Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions of the Synod. *(Requires votes of two consecutive Synod Assemblies)*

(3) S11.07. The Synod Council shall form other committees to assist in the work and ministry of the Synod. *(Requires votes of two consecutive Synod Assemblies)*

Rationale: This will clean up where the bylaws will live in section 11. There are three types of committees in our synod structure: Committees of the Synod (i.e. Executive, Discipline, etc), Standing Committees, and Committees of the Synod Council (i.e. Constitutions and Bylaws, Archives, Ecumenical Affairs, etc).