

## Northeastern Ohio Synod Governing Documents PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The following proposed amendments were approved by the NEOS Synod Council on September 24, 2022 and are recommended for adoption by the NEOS Synod Assembly at its May 14, 2023 meeting.

†S18.13.b. *The Synod Council may propose an amendment, with notice to be sent to the congregations of this synod at least six months prior to the next regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.*”

Note: Additional changes, not requiring six-month advance notice, may be proposed by the council in the future.

### MARKED UP PROVISIONS INDICATING CHANGES

- S9.03. There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of ~~seven~~ five members who shall be appointed by the Synod Council to serve for each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly. Additional nominations may be made from the floor for all elections for which nominations are made by the Nominating Committee.  
*Rationale for change: To match the number of members specified in S9.03.01 adopted by the Synod Assembly on May 14, 2022. “The Nominating Committee shall consist of two rostered ministers and three lay persons, one from each conference....”*
- ~~S9.07. The Synod Council shall nominate at least one person for treasurer; additional nominations may be made from the floor.~~  
*Rationale for change: The Treasurer is currently appointed by Synod Council under required †S8.51.c which is authorized under required section †S.8.41 “The treasurer...may be appointed by the Synod Council....”*
- ~~S9.11. The Synod Council shall elect or appoint representatives to the steering committee of its region.~~  
*Rationale for change: A steering committee for our region no longer exists.*
- ~~S9.13. The Synod Assembly shall elect its representatives to the Board of Directors of Trinity Lutheran Seminary, recognizing the inclusive composition of the board. The terms of office shall be set forth by the institution.~~  
*Rationale for change: There is no longer a Board of Directors of Trinity Lutheran Seminary since its merger into Capital University in 2018.*
- ~~S10.04 Any proposal to appropriate funds, whether by amendment to the budget or otherwise, which is presented to a meeting of the Synod Assembly without the approval of the Synod Council, shall require a two-thirds vote for adoption. Any proposal to increase the budget must be accompanied by a statement of the sources of the revenue.~~  
*Rationale for change: This requirement has not been adhered to for several years. (1) It is recommended that the Synod Assembly be free to amend the budget, without Synod Council approval, by a majority vote for adoption. (2) The requirement was important when budgets were required to be in balance. Since the adoption of provisions for an unbalanced budget and the creation of a Deficit Reduction Fund to cover “excess” expenses, the existence of that fund simply becomes the “automatic” source of funding. At the assembly, either presenters of amendments or any voting member of the assembly could cite other sources.*

