



2016 Churchwide Assembly Report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee

**Wednesday, August 10, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

Introduction

The purpose of the *Ad Hoc* Committee is to facilitate the work of the Churchwide Assembly through discussion and evaluation of amendments related to the recommendation concerning the new roster of Ministry of Word and Service.

The deadline for submitting changes to the proposed recommendation was 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2016. One motion was addressed by the *Ad Hoc* Committee to facilitate more effective action by the assembly. We express our gratitude to all who worked on behalf of the church to respond to the text of the proposed recommendation.

For purposes of consistency and clarity, the *Ad Hoc* Committee reordered the language of the amendments in consultation with the originating author.

Respectfully submitted:

Bishop Mark E. Narum – *co-chair* (Conference of Bishops)
Ms. Christine P. Connell, diaconal minister – *co-chair* (Church Council)
The Rev. Rachel L. Connelly
Mr. Larry P. Johnson, associate in ministry
The Rev. Bimen Limbong
Dr. Susan W. McArver (Word and Service Task Force)

The Rev. Cherlyne V. Beck (Domestic Mission)
Ms. Andrea L. Young (Domestic Mission)

**Motion to re-order the amendments to the Recommendation:
Constitutional Amendments Related to a Roster of Ministry of Word and Service**

Submitted by: Ms. Deborah F. Kauffman [Florida-Bahamas Synod]

Proposed motion: To divide the question of the “Constitutional Amendment Related to a Roster of Ministry of Word and Service,” by separating the first three paragraphs specific to amendments to the language referring to ordained ministers of Word and Sacrament into a separate question to be discussed and voted upon separately from the amendments related to the formation of the roster of ministers of Word and Service.

The *Ad Hoc* Committee, in consultation with Ms. Deborah F. Kauffman, recommends the following changes to the Recommendation for Assembly Action:

On page 1 of Section V of the 2016 Pre-Assembly Report: Constitutional Amendments Related to a Roster of Ministry of Word and Service:

That paragraphs 4 and 5 be separated from paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 and become the first action/recommendation regarding constitutional changes following the vote for the new roster of Ministry of Word and Service.

That paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 become the second action/recommendation regarding constitutional changes following the vote for the new roster of Ministry of Word and Service.

I. Recommendation for Assembly Action

To authorize the secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to strike the words “associate in ministry, diaconal minister and deaconess” and replace with the words “minister/s of Word and Service” in the *Constitutions, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*;

To authorize the secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to make editorial correction that identify the rosters of this church and implement the creation of the ministers of Word and Service roster in the *Constitutions, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*.

II. Recommendation for Assembly Action

To authorize the secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to strike the words “ordained minister/s” and replace with the words “minister/s of Word and Sacrament” in the *Constitutions, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*;

To authorize the secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to strike the word “clergy” and replace with the words “minister/s of Word and Sacrament in the *Constitutions, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*;

To authorize the secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to strike the words “pastor/s” and replace with the words “minister/s of Word and Sacrament where appropriate in the *Constitutions, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* for the purpose of clarity and consistency;

III. Recommendation for Assembly Action

To adopt, *en bloc*, the remaining amendments to the *Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*.