

St. James Lutheran Church

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Executive Summary of Constitution and Bylaw Changes

Approved by Congregation Council for Congregation adoption on November 15, 2020

1. Minor wording changes throughout as approved by 2019 Churchwide Assembly and recommendations by Synod Secretary, Rev. Beth Schlegel.
2. Clarification of provisions in section C6.04d *if* SJLC ceases to exist.
3. Revised procedures in section C6.05 *if* SJLC wanted to terminate its relationship with the ELCA
4. Clarification of voting members of the congregation in section C8.02 that are seasonal members of another congregation.
5. Statement that each pastor with a congregational call shall encourage adherence to a covenant relation with this church in section C9.03b.
6. Authority to call a deacon replaces the previous wording of a minister of Word and Service throughout in sections C9.21, etc.
7. Congregation meeting is required with at least one regular meeting per year in Section C10.01.
8. Change in the quorum required for a congregation meeting from 50 voting members to 5% of voting members in Section C10.04.
9. Revised language for handling significant disagreement in the congregation in Section C15.11.
10. Revised procedures for amending the constitution in Section C16.02.
11. Indemnification and liability is extended to those on task forces in addition to committees and others in section C19.01.