Constitution and Bylaw Change Recommendations

Recommendation 1:

 Eliminate S9.03.01.c, and renumber.

 Rationale: We no longer have at-large Synod Council positions.

**S9.03.01.** The Nominating Committee shall:

a. Establish a procedure to secure qualified nominees from the congregations of this synod.

b. Nominate up to two persons for each position for which an election will be held by the Synod Assembly following the guidelines of †S6.04.

c. Insure geographical representation when nominating for At-Large Synod Council positions which is compatible with cluster representation and follows the guidelines of †S6.04.

d. Insure geographical and congregational representation when nominating for members of the Churchwide Assembly following the guidelines of †S6.04.

Recommendation 2:

 Eliminate S9.11, and renumber.

 Rationale: The Region I Council no longer exists.

**S9.11.** The Synod Council shall elect or appoint representatives to the council of Region I. This constitutional provision is defunct, in that the Region I Council no longer operates in the way that our constitution suggests

Recommendation 3:

 Eliminate S12.01.02, and renumber.

 Rationale: This was aspirational and no longer remotely describes reality, nor should it.

**S12.01.02.** The leadership team of the cluster shall be:

 1. The elected cluster chairperson (normally a lay person)

 2. The cluster dean (a pastor)

 3. The Synod Council Member from the Cluster.

Recommendation 4:

 Eliminate S12.01.03 and S12 01.04, and renumber.

 Rationale: “the cluster shall nominate” presupposes a reality that does not exist.

**12.01.03.** Upon notification by the bishop’s office, the cluster shall nominate one member to the Synod Council, delegates to Concordia College and/or Pacific Lutheran University, complying with the stated instructions.

**S12.01.04.** Upon notification by the bishop’s office, each cluster may submit to the Synod Nominating Committee names of persons it wishes to nominate for members of the Churchwide Assembly.

Recommendation 5:

 In S12.01.07, make the following changes: to reflect current realities.

 Bear Paw, Liberty County—remove Immanuel Joplin

 Bear Paw, Hill County—remove Hingham, Hingham

 Fort Peck, Valley County—remove Our Savior’s, Larslan

 Fort Peck, Valley County—remove Valley View Home, Glasgow

 Golden Triangle, Liberty County—remove Sanctuary of Hope, Chester

 Northeast Cluster, Roosevelt County—remove St, John’s, Poplar

 Southeast Cluster, Custer County—remove First, Miles City