

1 **Amendments to WV-WMD (8H) Governing Documents (Redline Edition)**
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5 **Amendment to the WV-WMD Synod Constitution, per †S18.13(b)**

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7 **S7.14**

8 **S7.14.** ~~One half of the members of the Synod Assembly shall constitute a quorum.~~ **A majority of those members**
9 **registered as attending shall constitute a quorum.**

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12 **Amendments to the WV-WMD (8H) Synod Bylaw, per †S18.21**

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14 **B7.02**

15 B7.02. The secretary of the synod shall prepare in advance of any assembly the roster of the synod, delivering a
16 copy thereof to the Committee on Registration and Attendance. The secretary shall list as voting members those
17 persons whose credentials have been sent by the congregations. ~~The official roster of registered delegates shall be~~
18 ~~closed at the end of the second business session.~~

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20 **B7.04**

21 ~~B7.04. Every conference shall have the right to memorialize the assembly of this synod on any subject affecting the~~
22 ~~welfare of the church.~~

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24 **B7.05**

25 B7.05. Every congregation shall have the right to ~~petition~~ **memorialize** the assembly of this synod on subjects
26 affecting its own welfare and legitimate interests.

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28 **B7.09**

29 ~~B7.09. Each voting member, or those persons accorded the privilege of seat and voice, when recognized by the~~
30 ~~chair, shall state his or her name, congregation or the institution or group he or she represents. Persons speaking~~
31 ~~from the floor shall use the floor microphones (if they are provided) and shall address and speak to the chair.~~
32 ~~Speeches by an individual voting member, or a person with the privilege of voice, shall be limited to five minutes~~
33 ~~on each assembly issue. Speakers may speak a second time on the same issue, but only after all others desiring to~~
34 ~~speak have been given opportunity to do so. Those speaking a second time shall be limited to three minutes of~~
35 ~~rebuttal.~~

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37 **B7.10**

38 B7.10. All motions, resolutions, amendments, and nominations shall be submitted in writing and on proper forms
39 available from the secretary of synod or the assembly pages. **This provision may be waived by the secretary.**

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41 **B7.11**

42 ~~B7.11. Except for items introduced by the Committees on Reference and Counsel or items previously tabled, items~~
43 ~~of business which are not on the agenda may be introduced on the last day of the assembly only by a two-thirds~~
44 ~~vote.~~

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46 **B7.14**

47 B7.14. The secretary shall post on the synod web site the bulletin of reports ~~to all pastors and voting members-~~
48 ~~elect at least ten days before each regular Synod Assembly.~~

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50 **B9.05**

51 ~~B9.05. A slate of nominees and their vita sheets will be shared in the pre-assembly web site based materials. These~~
52 ~~will be available at least ten days prior to the assembly.~~ **The report of the Nominating Committee, which shall**

53 include the names of the committee's nominees with, at minimum, congregational membership and exposition,
54 shall be published on the synod web site at least ten days prior to the assembly.
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56 **B9.07**

57 B9.07. In all elections by the Synod Assembly, other than for the Bishop, additional nominations may be made from
58 the floor. Nominators may provide copies of the completed nomination form (as defined by the nominating
59 committee) to the secretary of the synod for distribution.
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61 **B9.08**

62 ~~B9.08 Members of the Synod Assembly who desire to make nominations from the floor shall have prepared~~
63 ~~beforehand and be ready to distribute copies of vita information sheets, similar to those provided earlier by the~~
64 ~~Nominating Committee for those nominees.~~
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66 **B10.01**

67 B10.01. The Synod Council shall consist of the four officers of the synod, four pastors, six lay members, and as
68 many designated one youth member and one young adult members member as are needed to meet the
69 requirements of ~~TS.10.01~~ and ELCA Constitution 5.01(g).

70 (a) Four pastors shall be elected, one from each of the four conferences.

71 (b) Six lay members shall be elected, one from each of the four conferences and two members at large. As far
72 as possible, 50% of the lay members shall be male and 50% shall be female.

73 (c) The youth ~~members~~ member shall be elected at large. Each The youth member shall not have reached the
74 age of 18 at the time of election.

75 (d) The young adult ~~members~~ member shall be elected at large. Each The young adult member shall be
76 between (and inclusive of) the ages of 18 and 30 at the time of election.

77 ~~(e) When composition of the Synod Council, following any regular Synod Assembly, does not meet the~~
78 ~~requirements of TS.10.01, the Synod Council shall create and appoint such other seats as are necessary to~~
79 ~~comply.~~
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81 **B10.02**

82 B10.02. Terms of office:

83 (a) Four pastors, ~~and~~ six lay members, and the young adult member shall be elected for a three-year term, and
84 shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms.

85 (b) Each The youth member shall be elected to a one-year term.
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87 **B10.08**

88 ~~B10.08. From within its membership, and also including other members of the synod as it desires, the Synod~~
89 ~~Council shall appoint a Property Committee.~~
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91 **B12.01**

92 B12.01. There shall be four conferences designated as follows:

93
94 A. Monongahela Valley Mountain Conference (17 congregations)

95
96 1. Bittinger MD, Emmanuel

97 2. Jennings MD, Zion

98 3. Swanton MD, St. John's (Meadow Mountain)

99 4. Clarksburg WV, St. Mark

100 5. Davis WV, St. John

101 6. Elkins WV, Holy Trinity

102 7. Fairmont WV, Grace

103 8. Grafton WV, Church of the Covenant

104 9. McHenry MD, Shepherd of the Hills

105 10. Morgantown WV, St. Paul

106 11. New Milton WV, St. Johannes
107 12. Oakland MD, St. Mark's
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109 Accident Parish (the following three congregations)
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111 13. Accident MD, St. Paul's
112 14. Accident MD, St. John's (Cove)
113 15. Friendsville MD, Grace
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115 Aurora Red House Parish (the following two congregations)
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117 16. Aurora WV, St. Paul
118 17. Red House MD, St. John's
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120 B. Ohio – Kanawha Valley Conference (12 congregations)
121
122 1. Beckley WV, St. Luke
123 2. Charleston WV, St. Paul
124 3. Huntington WV, Christ the King
125 4. Huntington WV, St. Paul
126 5. Hurricane, WV, Cross of Grace
127 6. Letart WV, St Mark (Upper Flats)
128 7. New Haven WV, St. Paul
129 8. Point Pleasant WV, St. Peter
130 9. Ravenswood WV, Our Saviour
131 10. Parkersburg WV, First
132 11. Vienna WV, Christ
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134 C. Potomac Conference (22 Congregations)
135
136 1. Martinsburg WV, St. John
137 2. Martinsburg WV, Trinity
138 3. Charles Town WV, St Thomas
139 4. Harpers Ferry WV, St John
140 5. Sharpsburg MD, Holy Trinity Memorial Evangelical
141 6. Bakersville MD, Salem Evangelical
142 7. Petersburg WV, Grace
143 8. Baker WV, Zion
144 9. Moorefield WV, Mt. Olive (Peru)
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146 Capon North River Parish (the following four congregations)
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148 10. Gore VA, Fairview
149 11. Rio WV, Ebenezer
150 12. Wardensville WV, St. Peter
151 13. Yellow Spring WV, Hebron
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153 Mountain Lutheran Parish (the following five congregations)
154
155 14. Franklin WV, Faith
156 15. Minnehaha Springs WV, New Hope
157 16. Moyers WV, St. John
158 17. Upper Tract WV, Mt. Hope

- 159 18. Brandywine WV, Calvary
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161 Keyser Westernport Shared Ministry (the following two congregations)
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163 19. Keyser WV, Trinity
164 20. Westernport MD, Mt. Calvary
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166 Shepherdstown Lutheran Parish (the following two congregations)
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168 21. Shepherdstown WV, St. Peter
169 22. Uvilla WV, St. James
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171 D. Upper Ohio Valley Conference (12 Congregations—10 Pastorates)
172
173 1. Wheeling WV, First English
174 2. Wheeling WV, Christ (Mozart)
175 3. Wheeling WV, Grace
176 4. Wheeling WV, St. James
177 5. Wheeling WV, St. Mark (Elm Grove)
178 6. Weirton WV, Trinity
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180 St. Matthew Trinity Shared Ministry (the following two congregations)
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182 7. Wheeling WV, St. Matthew (Benwood)
183 8. Wheeling WV, Trinity
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185 Moundsville—New Martinsville Shared Ministry (the following two congregations)
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187 9. Moundsville WV, Messiah
188 10. New Martinsville WV, Good Shepherd
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198 **7. Fairmont WV, Grace**
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201 **10. Morgantown WV, St. Paul**
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242 21. Uvilla WV, St. James

243 (d). Upper Ohio Valley Conference

- 244 1. Wheeling WV, First English
245 2. Wheeling WV, Christ (Mozart)
246 3. Wheeling WV, Grace (Behlehem)
247 4. Wheeling WV, St. James
248 5. Wheeling WV, St. Mark (Elm Grove)
249 6. Weirton WV, Trinity
250 7. Wheeling WV, St. Matthew (Benwood)
251 8. Wheeling WV, Trinity
252 9. Moundsville WV, Messiah
253 10. New Martinsville WV, Good Shepherd

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256 **Amendments to WV-WMD Continuing Resolutions, per †S18.31, by Synod Council in the Interim**
257 **between SA2018 and SA2019**

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259 CR 2.01 An ordained minister on leave from call on the roster of this synod shall be granted voting
260 membership in the Synod Assembly upon the consent of the Synod Council; such consent shall be
261 applicable to the Synod Assembly in question; such consent may be renewed.

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263 CR 2.02. Prior to each Synod Assembly, the Synod Council shall consider and, at its discretion, seat with

264 voice and vote in the immediate Synod Assembly those Ministers of Word & Sacrament (or the
265 equivalent) who are serving synod congregations and who also belong to church bodies with which the
266 ELCA has full-communion.

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268 CR 2.03 Prior to each Synod Assembly, the Synod Council shall consider and, at its discretion, seat with
269 voice but without vote in the immediate Synod Assembly to those Ministers of Word & Sacrament (or the
270 equivalent) who are serving a synod congregation but have not been otherwise enfranchised.

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272 CR 3.01. When there is a disagreement among people or factions within a congregation, as related to
273 †S17.11 of the West Virginia - Western Maryland Synod Constitution, and the Consultation Committee is
274 called in to consider the matter, the Committee shall deliver, in writing, a report to the congregation,
275 within 60 days of the receipt, by the chair of the Committee, of the request for assistance.

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277 CR 3.02. If the Consultation Committee thinks it will be unable to finish the report within 60 days,
278 the Committee must contact the synodical bishop as soon as possible to request extra time, up to 30 days,
279 for a total of no more than 90 days from the receipt of the request for assistance, to finish the report. The
280 exact amount of extra time is granted at the bishop's discretion and can be denied.

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282 CR 3.03. The synodical bishop, after being contacted by the Consultation Committee for a request for
283 more time, has the right to grant, refuse, or amend the request based on his or her assessment of the
284 situation and the work of the Committee.

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286 CR 4.0. The bishop, vice-president, and secretary shall review and approve the minutes of the Synod Council after
287 each session.