

# NEW BEGINNINGS!

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STRUCTURAL RENEWAL

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### NEW COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS

1. **Mission Committee:** would replace the present *Committee for Canadian Mission* and the *Committee for World Mission*. In addition to present responsibilities, the committee would take responsibility for the distribution of GHDA domestic grants, world mission liaison with ELCIC and Companion Synod programming. The committee will be comprised of eight members – one from each conference.
2. **Specialized Ministries Committee:** would replace the present *Committee for Outdoor Ministry* and *Committee for College and University Services* and would assume responsibility for overseeing local committees/management boards and acting as liaison to Synod Council in the areas of campus and outdoor ministry. This committee would also take responsibility for administering items related to synodical support of institutional chaplaincies. The committee will be comprised of eight members – one from each conference.
3. **Candidacy Committee:** would assume responsibility for the recruitment and endorsement of candidates for ordered ministries. This is a function currently fulfilled by the *Committee for Theological Education and Leadership*. The committee will be comprised of ten members with no requirement for conference representation.
4. **Professional Leadership Committee:** would assume responsibility for dealing with professional concerns such as salary guidelines, benefits, etc. for rostered persons. This is a function currently fulfilled by the *Committee for Theological Education and Leadership*. The committee will be comprised of three members with no requirement for conference representation.
5. **Resource Development Committee:** would assume responsibility for benevolence and GHDA promotion and Lutheran Planned Giving. This is a function currently fulfilled by the *Committee for Stewardship*. The committee will be comprised of five members with no requirement for conference representation.
6. **Communication Advisory Committee:** responsible for implementing synodical communication strategy and editorial oversight of primary communication vehicles such as “The Eastern Synod Lutheran” and the Eastern Synod web-site. This is a function currently fulfilled by the *Committee for Communication*. The committee will be comprised of three members with no requirement for conference representation.
7. **Public Policy Advisory Committee:** responsible for providing counsel to the Bishop and Synod Council; would also act as liaison to Lutheran Office for Public Policy. This is a function currently fulfilled by the *Committee for Church and Society*. The committee will be comprised of three members with no requirement for conference representation.

8. **Congregational Life Working Groups:** primary task is to provide support to conference resource people and to act as liaison with respective ELCIC National Working Groups. Working groups will be comprised of three members each with no requirement for conference representation.

**Worship** – This is a function currently fulfilled by the *Parish Life Committee – Worship and the Arts Sub-Committee*.

**Learning** – This is a function currently fulfilled by the *Parish Life Committee – Learning Sub-Committee*.

**Witness** – This is a function currently fulfilled by the *Parish Life Committee – Witness Sub-Committee*.

**Support** – This is a function currently fulfilled by the *Committee for Stewardship*.

**Service** – This is a function currently fulfilled by the *Committee for Church and Society*.

**Youth** – This is a function currently fulfilled by the *Parish Life Committee – Youth Sub-Committee*.

## **STATUS QUO COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS**

1. **Examining Committee**
2. **Investment Committee**
3. **Nominating Committee**
4. **Synod Scholarship Committee and Spencer-Barche Scholarship Committee**
5. **Synod Council Committees**
  - a) **Finance and Personnel**
  - b) **Legal and Constitutions**
  - c) **Appointments**
  - d) **Convention Planning Committee**
  - e) **GHDA Committee**