

Key to Understanding the Proposed Changes to the Constitution of Olivet Lutheran Church

All sections marked with an asterisk (*) are provisions required by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Olivet's most recent Constitution was dated September ____, 1996. Any required changes from the ELCA are marked in **bold black print** as follows: Underlined for additions and ~~strike-out font for deletions~~. Any proposed changes by the Olivet Constitution Committee will be in **bold red print** as follows Underlined for additions and ~~strike-out font for deletions~~.

Constitutional provisions are represented by two sets of numbers: The chapter number preceded by a C, followed by a period, and a two-digit number: C8.02

Bylaw provisions follow the constitutional provisions to which they apply. Bylaws are represented by three sets of numbers: The chapter number preceded by a C, the related constitutional provision, and a two-digit number: C8.02.01.

Continuing resolutions provide descriptions of operational practices. They follow the Constitution or the Bylaw to which they refer. They are also represented by three sets of number: The chapter number preceded by a C, then the section number. Then the last number is preceded by a capital letter: C8.02.01A.13

You will note that there are certain numbers missing from the form. These omissions are intentional to allow for possible section headings in future editions. This has been done by the ELCA.

“Church” with a capital C refers to the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church; “church” or “this church” with lower case “c” refers to the ELCA; and reference to “this congregation” is reference to Olivet.