

To Amend Bylaw 2.11.2.1 re Emeritus Members

RESOLUTION 7-04A

Overture 7-03 (CW, p. 237)

Introduction

This proposal for amending Bylaw 2.11.2.1 was approved by the LCMS Council of Presidents at its February 11, 2007 meeting. Because the Council cannot submit business to a convention of the Synod, it asked the Secretary of the Synod to forward the proposed overture to the Commission on Structure with the request that the Commission submit it to the Synod's 2007 convention.

WHEREAS, Emeritus members of the Synod are, like candidate and non-candidate members, "inactive members" of the Synod (Bylaw 2.11.2.1); and

WHEREAS, Candidate and non-candidate members are required to file an annual report with their district presidents; and

WHEREAS, There is an increasing mobility on the part of our emeritus members; and

WHEREAS, These veterans of the church often continue to serve the church in various locations; and

WHEREAS, District presidents are responsible for the ecclesiastical supervision of these veteran servants of the church; and

WHEREAS, It is important, as with candidate and non-candidate members, to maintain contact with emeritus members; and

WHEREAS, The Commission on Structure has studied this issue and recommends the following change; therefore be it

Resolved, That Bylaw 2.11.2.1 be amended with the addition of the following paragraphs:

PRESENT/PROPOSED WORDING

(a) The emeritus member or a representative identified by his district president shall, by January 31, make an annual report to the member's district president.

(b) This report shall include current contact information and address the criteria for remaining an inactive member of the Synod.

Action: Adopted (5)

(During discussion, an amendment to add "or a representative identified by his district president" after "emeritus member" in proposed Bylaw 2.11.2.1 (a) was agreed to by the committee, and the resolution was adopted as changed [Yes: 965; No: 172].)