

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP

I. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION BY THE COUNCIL

1. POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE LWF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS TO BE PROPOSED TO THE LWF TWELFTH ASSEMBLY IN 2017 (COUNCIL EXHIBIT 11.6 AND 11.6.1)

The Committee reviewed the exhibits and recommends that the Council recommend to the Assembly that the Constitution and Bylaws be amended as presented with these exceptions:

Constitution

1. Article VIII.1 and VIII.1.a.: The Committee does not recommend changing the size of the Council.
2. Article VIII.5: The Committee recommends retaining the word “shall”.

Bylaws

Section 8.2.b: The Committee recommends substituting the words “Provide oversight of” in place of “Monitor”.

In addition, in both documents some typos or inconsistencies in terminology were corrected.

2. RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE ASSEMBLY INFORMATION AND ACTION (COUNCIL EXHIBIT 11.4)

The Committee reviewed the exhibit and recommends that the Council recommend to the Assembly that the Rules of Procedure be adopted as presented with these exceptions:

1. Section 2.1.5: The Committee recommends including Council nominees among the Ex-Officio Participants.
2. Section 4.1.6.7: The Committee recommends deleting the parenthetical phrase.

II. ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION BY THE COUNCIL

There were no issues for which the Committee requested Council discussion.

III. ISSUES DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE - for information to the Council

- IV. The Committee heard progress reports about the applications for full membership of the Church of the Faroe Islands, the Uganda Lutheran Church, the North American Lutheran Church, and the Iglesia Evangélica Unida en Cuba, Sínodo Luterano (United Evangelical Church of Cuba, Lutheran Synod). It was updated about the membership interests of the Evangelical Lutheran Indigenous Church of Ecuador, North Western Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church (India), the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Gambia, and the Evangelical Church of Maraland (India).

V. ISSUES REFERRED TO THE MEETING OF OFFICERS

The Committee requested staff to prepare a proposal to the Meeting of Officers for the process for selecting the chair of the Finance Committee.