

## **RESOLUTION 26.01**

### **REGARDING CHANGES UPDATES TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERN MN SYNOD**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to bring the Constitution of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA, into conformity with both required and non-required changes by ELCA Churchwide Assembly, to ensure alignment with our church body's guidelines and standards;

**WHEREAS**, internal conformity within the Constitution must be achieved to maintain coherent and uniform governance provisions throughout the document;

**WHEREAS**, clarity, consistency, formatting, and style improvements are essential to enhance the readability, interpretation, and professional presentation of the Constitution;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, is authorized and directed to implement the typographical and substantive changes to the Southwestern Minnesota Synod Constitution as detailed in the document "25.11.08 SWMN Synod Constitution with comments (002)" as approved by the Synod Council and distributed to congregations, December 2025, effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution;

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the updated Constitution shall be maintained in the official records of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod and forwarded to the ELCA Office of the Secretary.