



Presentation of Amendments to the Rules of the Ordered Ministry

**Vote on this Agenda item is contingent on the outcome of the deliberations at the Ministerium's annual Meeting.

RULES FOR THE ORDERED MINISTRY OF THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

ARTICLE I

The Board of the Ordered Ministry

Section 1.1. Composition. Current Text

- a. The Constitution and Bylaws of the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC) provides that the Board of the Ordered Ministry (Board) shall consist of twelve credentialed persons as defined in the Constitution and Bylaws of the ECC. They shall be mature and experienced, elected by the Annual Meeting of the ECC for terms of five years in such manner that the terms of two members shall expire each year. Members shall not be eligible to succeed themselves. The president of the ECC, the executive minister of the ordered ministry, the president of the Covenant Ministerium, the dean of North Park Theological Seminary (NPTS), the president of Centro Hispano de Estudios Teológicos del Pacto Evangelico (CHET), and the minister appointed from the Executive Board of the ECC shall be ex-officio members of the Board. The president of the ECC shall appoint one member of the Council of Superintendents to serve as an ex-officio member of the Board. The Board may appoint advisory members as needed.

Section 1.1. Composition. Proposed Text

- a. **The Constitution and Bylaws of the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC) provides that the Board of the Ordered Ministry (Board) shall consist of ~~twelve~~ fourteen elected members, twelve of whom shall be credentialed persons as defined in the Constitution and Bylaws of the ECC, and two of whom shall be laypersons. They shall be mature and experienced, elected by the Annual Meeting of the ECC for terms of five years in such manner that the terms of two members shall expire each year. Members shall not be eligible to succeed themselves. The president of the ECC, the executive minister of the ordered ministry, the president of the Covenant Ministerium, the dean of North Park Theological Seminary (NPTS), the president of Centro Hispano de Estudios Teológicos del Pacto Evangelico (CHET), and the minister**

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ARTICLE III
Ordained to Word and Sacrament

Section 3.3. Qualifications. Current Text

- f. All candidates serving ECC congregations shall participate in the pension program of the ECC.

Section 3.3. Qualifications. Proposed Text

- f. All candidates serving ECC congregations shall participate in ~~the pension program of the ECC~~ either the Covenant Ministers' Pension Plan or the Ministers' 403(b) plan.

ARTICLE IV
Ordained to Word and Service

Section 4.3. Qualifications. Current Text

- f. All candidates serving ECC congregations shall participate in the pension program of the ECC.

Section 4.3. Qualifications. Proposed Text

- f. All candidates serving ECC congregations shall participate in ~~the pension program of the ECC~~ either the Covenant Ministers' Pension Plan or the Ministers' 403(b) plan.

ARTICLE VI
Commissioning

Section 6.3. Qualifications. Current Text

- f. All candidates serving ECC congregations shall participate in the pension program of the ECC.

Section 6.3. Qualifications. Proposed Text

- g. All candidates serving ECC congregations shall participate in ~~the pension program of the ECC~~ either the Covenant Ministers' Pension Plan or the Ministers' 403(b) plan.

ARTICLE VII
Consecrated Missionary

Section 7.3. Qualifications. Current Text

- f. All candidates serving ECC congregations shall participate in the pension program of the ECC.

Section 7.3. Qualifications. Proposed Text

- h. All candidates serving ECC congregations shall participate in ~~the pension program of the ECC~~ either the Covenant Ministers' Pension Plan or the Ministers' 403(b) plan.

ARTICLE IX
Licensure

Section 9.2. Ministry License.

b. Qualifications. Current Text

- i. The candidate shall participate in the pension program of the ECC.

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b. Qualifications. Proposed Text

- i. All candidates serving ECC congregations shall participate in ~~the pension program of the ECC~~ either the Covenant Ministers' Pension Plan or the Ministers' 403(b) plan.