

Changes to bylaws of the Sierra Pacific Synod Constitution
Approved by the 2022 Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly

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- S9.03.02. The Nominating Committee, in consultation with ~~the Conference Cabinets and~~ other appropriate groups, shall present nominations for Synod officials (except as otherwise provided), including at-large members of the Council and Synod Churchwide Assembly delegates, and other positions as the Synod Council may designate.
- S12.01.04. ~~Each conference shall elect its own officers, which shall include a Dean. Each conference shall elect a Dean and may elect its own officers at their annual Conference Assembly.~~ The Dean shall be an ordained minister on the roster of this synod who is a member of one of the congregations of the Conference. The dean shall serve a term of three years; and may serve no more than two consecutive terms. ~~The dean's responsibilities shall be to represent the conference on the Council of Deans; to assist the bishop in providing pastoral care to congregations and clergy of the conference; and to fulfill such other responsibilities as the bishop or Synod Assembly may assign. The dean may preside at meetings of the Conference Assembly and Cabinet. The dean's responsibilities shall be:~~
1. Represent the conference on the Council of Deans
 - a. be available to the bishop at the bishop's request for advice and counsel regarding clergy awaiting call;
 - b. be available to the bishop at the bishop's request for advice and counsel regarding congregations without pastor and congregations in the call process; and
 - c. assist the bishop in the general pastoral care of the clergy and congregation.
 2. May convene regular meetings of the rostered ministers of the conference.
 3. Shall convene the annual Conference Assembly according to S12.01.03.
- S12.01.05. In the event that the office of the dean should become vacant, the ~~Conference Cabinet~~ Bishop, in consultation with the rostered ministers of the conference, shall appoint an interim dean; the next session of the Conference Assembly shall elect a new dean.
- S12.01.06. ~~There shall be a cabinet in each conference, consisting of the officers and other persons as the conference shall determine. The cabinet shall be responsible for planning the Conference Assembly and for fulfilling the purposes of the conference as listed in S12.01.02.~~