

Proposed Covenant Ministerium Constitutional Amendment

This item would be voted on at the 2024 Ministerium Annual Meeting.

*Language highlighted in yellow is new proposed language

From the Constitution of the Covenant Ministerium

Article VI. Relationship to the Board of the Ordered Ministry:

Section 6.2. As provided in the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Covenant Church, all decisions of the Board of the Ordered Ministry requiring action by the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church shall be submitted to the Covenant Ministerium at its annual meeting for approval before being submitted to the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church, **except in the instance of 6.2a**. Matters not approved by the Covenant Ministerium shall be recommitted to the Board of the Ordered Ministry for further consideration.

6.2a Contested Credential Hearings: All removal of credentials recommendations sent to the Covenant Ministerium for consideration by the Board of Ordered Ministry, in which the minister desires to contest their removal, will be referred to the Executive Committee of the Covenant Ministerium for a contested credentials hearing. The process of the contested credentials hearing will take place as defined in the bylaws.

*The Executive Committee of the Covenant Ministerium is defined by the Constitution of Covenant Ministerium in Section IV. Officers:

Section 4.1. The officers of this organization shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a vice-secretary, and a treasurer. The president and vice-president shall be ordained ministers in good standing of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

*Section 4.2 These officers, together with the president of the Evangelical Covenant Church, the executive minister of the ordered ministry, the chairperson of the Board of the Ordered Ministry, the dean of North Park Theological Seminary, the chairpersons of the regional ministerial associations, and the presidents from each of the ethnic associations of the Evangelical Covenant Church (as defined by Article XV of the bylaws of the Evangelical Covenant Church) and the presidents of ministerium associations, approved by the ministerium, shall constitute the **Executive Committee of the Covenant Ministerium**.*