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Read the attached rationale and comments, then circle your answers to the questions;

1=Strongly Disagree; 2=Disagree; 3=Not Sure; 4=Agree; 5=Strongly Agree

- 1 2 3 4 5 1) Affirm in our governing documents the mission and purpose of Synod
- 1 2 3 4 5 2.1) Doctrinal resolutions of special significance and doctrinal statements will require a two-thirds vote at Synod convention.
- 1 2 3 4 5 2.2) Reaffirm, clarify, amplify and strengthen constitution (Art VIII) and bylaws to enhance doctrinal unity.
- 1 2 3 4 5 3.1) Congregations are the voting members of the Synod.
- 1 2 3 4 5 3.2) Ministers of Religion (ordained and commissioned) are members of the Synod who are eligible to serve as delegates of congregations to conventions of the Synod and in districts.
- 1 2 3 4 5 3.3) Lay people, though not rostered members of the Synod itself, are closely linked to the Synod through their affiliation with member congregations of the Synod.
- 1 2 3 4 5 4) Consider a New Name for Our Synod
- 1 2 3 4 5 5) Voting delegates at conventions shall be one of the called pastors of the congregation and one lay person or minister of religion- commissioned of the congregation.
- 1 2 3 4 5 6.1) Multiple-congregation parishes being served by one or more pastors are entitled to one pastoral vote, with each congregation in the parish having one non-ordained vote.
- 1 2 3 4 5 6.2) Congregations with a pastoral vacancy are entitled to a vote by the vacancy pastor and one non-ordained vote.
- 1 2 3 4 5 6.3) Congregations with more than 1000 confirmed members are entitled to two additional votes, at least one being a lay person.
- 1 2 3 4 5 7.1) Establish a fixed number of total voting delegates to the national convention at approximately 650.
- 1 2 3 4 5 7.2) Amend the bylaws to delete the "advisory delegate" category from national conventions and reduce the number of "advisory representatives".
- 1 2 3 4 5 8.1) Determine each district's number of delegates according to that district's percentage of the total number of congregations and confirmed members in Synod.
- 1 2 3 4 5 8.2) Allow each district to determine how delegates would be selected.
- 1 2 3 4 5 8.3) Whichever method or system a district uses to choose its delegates, it would choose an equal number of ordained and non-ordained delegates.
- 1 2 3 4 5 9.1) Encourage the submission of overtures from congregations to their district conventions through circuit forums.
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- 1 2 3 4 5 9.3) While all overtures submitted would still be considered, resolutions from circuit forums and district conventions would receive priority at district and Synod conventions, respectively.
- 1 2 3 4 5 10) Hold district and national conventions in a four year cycle.
- 1 2 3 4 5 11) Allow Flexibility of Circuit Structure
- 1 2 3 4 5 12) Consider future district configurations (give the job to the COP to report to the 2013 convention)
- 1 2 3 4 5 13) Establish Five Regions in Our Synod
- 1 2 3 4 5 14.1) Implement process for quadrennial Synod Priorities

- 1 2 3 4 5 14.2) Realign national Synod ministries into two Mission Advisory Councils
- 1 2 3 4 5 14.21) International Missionary Advisory Council and National Mission Advisory Council.
- 1 2 3 4 5 14.22) Council staff execs report to Synod President
- 1 2 3 4 5 14.3) Provide coordination with districts for certain ministries.
- 1 2 3 4 5 14.4) Transfer some responsibilities to districts
- 1 2 3 4 5 14.5) Transfer most BUE and BPE responsibilities to regents and BOD (CUS would continue with certain responsibilities) .
- 1 2 3 4 5 15.1) Involve the totality of congregations in selecting candidates for the Synod President and First Vice President
- 1 2 3 4 5 15.2) President and First Vice President elected as a team.
- 1 2 3 4 5 16) Election of Synod Vice-Presidents Regionally
- 1 2 3 4 5 17.1) The Board of Directors composed of 17 voting members, as defined in the presentation.
- 1 2 3 4 5 17.2) First Vice President, Secretary and VP-Finance/Treasure are non-voting members.
- 1 2 3 4 5 18.1) Elect or appoint all Synod and district officers and board members to four year terms.
- 1 2 3 4 5 18.2) Have no term limits for district presidents
- 1 2 3 4 5 18.3) Have no term limits for any national board and commission members.
- 1 2 3 4 5 19) Expand the certification process for pastoral candidates.

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