

# Motions to ELCSA (N-T) Church Synod, 10-13 October 2019

## Motion 1

### Motion by Church Council of ELCSA (N-T) to Church Synod

1. The Church Council of ELCSA (N-T) requests Synod to extend the term of office of Bishop H Müller by two years, based on Section 3 of the Rules on the Election of the Bishop:  
*“Section 3 Term of Office*  
The Bishop is elected by Church Synod for a period of six years and may be re-elected once. Exceptions may be permitted by Church Synod.”
2. With this, the election of the next bishop is postponed to Synod 2023.

### Motivation

*Church Counsel motivates that the term of office of Bishop H Müller is extended by two years and that the next election of bishop is postponed to the Synod 2023 for the following reasons:*

1. *Bishop H Müller will reach retirement age within 18 months after the Synod 2021. It is impractical, if not impossible to place H Müller in a position which is meaningful for both the church and H Müller.*
2. *Bishop H Müller’s experience and knowledge of our Church is an asset to our church, and we wish to continue to benefit from this experience and knowledge as much as possible before H Müller goes into retirement.*

*Bishop H Müller’s has served our church with distinction during the years he held the position of bishop. Church council is confident that H Müller will be able to continue his service in this manner and we pray that his health allows him to continue his service until 2023.*