



CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod,
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Chapter 1

NAME AND INCORPORATION

- *S1.01.** The name of this Synod shall be the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- *S1.02.** For the purposes of this constitution and the accompanying bylaws, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is hereafter designated as “this Synod” or “the Synod.”
- *S1.11.** This Synod shall be incorporated. Amendments to the articles of incorporation of this Synod shall be submitted to the Church Council for ratification before filing.
- *S1.21.** The seal of this Synod is two concentric circles surrounding the words “Incorporated - 1987.” Within the concentric circles is the legend “Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.”

Chapter 2

STATUS

- *S2.01.** This Synod possesses the powers conferred upon it, and accepts the duties and responsibilities assigned to it, in the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* (ELCA or “this church”), which are recognized as having governing force in the life of this Synod.
- *S2.02.** No provision of this constitution shall be inconsistent with the constitution and bylaws of this church.

Chapter 3

TERRITORY

- *S3.01.** The territory of this Synod, as determined by the Churchwide Assembly, shall be the counties of Berks, Bradford, Carbon, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, Pike, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Wyoming in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- *S3.02.** “Determined by the Churchwide Assembly,” as stipulated by *S3.01., is understood to include the reported changes in synod relationship made by any congregation in a border area agreed under ELCA Bylaws 10.01.11. and 10.02.02.