

TEMA/TÍTULO: Enmendar el Artículo VIII de la Constitución
PROPONENTE: Rev. Tobias S. Haller BSG
PÁGINA CYC: 8
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- 1 *Se resuelve*, con la aprobación de la Cámara de _____, que el último párrafo del Artículo
- 2 VIII de la Constitución se enmienda agregando una frase final de la siguiente manera:
- 3 *Ningún ministro de dicha Iglesia ordenado por persona ajena al Obispo, a menos de que se trate*
- 4 *de un ministro designado como parte del Pacto o Instrumento por medio del cual se estableció la*
- 5 *plena comunión, satisfará los requisitos para licencia en virtud de este Artículo.*

EXPLANATION:

A small number of clergy in the ELCA since the commencement of full communion status with The Episcopal Church have chosen to be ordained by other pastors, rather than by bishops; the same may be true of some clergy of other churches with which the Episcopal Church enters into full communion in the future. The Covenants by which full communion relationships are established normally "grandfather" ministers already ordained, but do not address post-covenant exceptions. When this situation with the ELCA came to their attention, the House of Bishops agreed that they would not license such ministers to serve in The Episcopal Church on a temporary basis under Article VIII; however, there is no explicit language in the Constitution to prevent it. The present amendment would clarify how best to handle these anomalous situations. The amendment echoes the current language of Canon III.10.4.a., and would have no effect on present or planned full communion relationships.

BALLOT RESULTS:

*Endorser(s):*The Rev. Gerald W. Keucher, The Rev. William R. Locke

*Review Status:*Not Yet Reviewed for Constitutional Form