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**TO: ALL COUNCILS IN ELCSA –COD
ALL CLERGY IN ELCSA-COD**

RE: UPDATES TO THE ELCSA-CONSTITUTION

Dear Friends

Be greeted in the name of Jesus who is the Christ of God.

The amended constitution of ELCSA was finalized and adopted at Church Council 117 held at Bloemfontein on 01 – 03 June 2009. Like any other new document – the constitution also experienced teething problems. Chief amongst these was the fact that records of the meetings of the Constitution Review Committee (CRC) were not always complete.

Hence the updates of PART VII, Chapter 2, Par. 2.5. (Page 13) and PART VIII, Chapter 8 Par 8.1 (Page 15)

Hereunder please receive these updates and please note that this text replaces the former one.

PART VIII

CHAPTER 2: CIRCUIT MEETING

2.5 Composition of the Circuit Meeting shall include the Dean and all ordained full time Church Workers, the Parish Synod Delegate(s), one having been elected by the parish council for the annual meeting and one lay delegate from each Congregation in the Circuit. (P. 13)

PART VIII

CHAPTER 8: THE DEAN

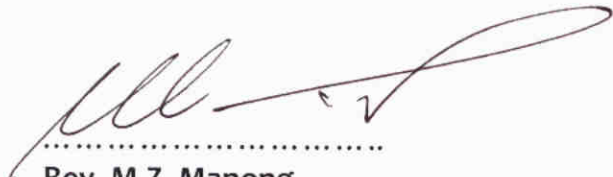
8.1.1 The Dean shall be an ordained minister who is on full-time ministry. Three months before the Circuit meeting, which is to elect the Dean, the Diocesan Executive Secretary will send the clergy roster with all the names

of Pastors who are in the full-time ministry in the Diocese to all Pastors who are in the full-time ministry and to the Parish Councils of the Circuit concerned. After nominations have been received, the Diocesan Council shall open these nomination votes at a meeting of the Diocesan Council. The names of the highest five candidates shall be sent to the Circuit Meeting. The Circuit Meeting shall elect the Dean and his/her Deputy during its meeting.

The Diocesan Administrative office has copies of the new constitution selling at R30.00 per copy. Make sure that all leaders and members of your congregation, Parish and Circuit do have a copy.

Thanking you for your cooperation

I am
Yours in His Service

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M.Z. Manong', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right. Below the signature is a dotted line.

Rev. M.Z. Manong
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