

## AMENDMENTS APPROVED BY THE CONVOCATION 2021 MISSION CONVOCATION

11.01 Congregations shall join in collaboration as **Mission Districts** to fulfill most effectively the ministry and mission of the NALC, normally based on common geographic boundaries. **Mission Districts may form Mission Regions for more effective ministry and mission as needed. Mission Regions shall have such organizational form and functions as shall be determined by the constituting Mission Districts.** Such organization shall be done in consultation with the Bishop and subject to the approval of the Executive Council.

11.02 Each regional group **Mission District or Mission Region** of congregations shall adopt appropriate governing documents that are consistent with the governing documents and practice of the NALC and shall include election of a Dean, adoption of a budget, and provision for supervision, mutual support of member congregations, and procedures necessary for carrying out its mission and ministry.

11.03 The Deans, who shall be ordained ministers of the NALC, shall be accountable to the Bishop and work with the Bishop by conducting similar functions in their respective areas **Mission Districts**. Deans shall serve as pastor to ordained ministers, their families, and congregations, and will conduct a ministry of teaching and visitation with ordained ministers and congregations. Deans may continue to serve under the call of a congregation.

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