

Wengert on Article 14 in a 2004 lecture to the ELCA Conference of Bishops:
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Wengert on Article 14 in his 2008 book, *Priesthood, Pastors, Bishops*, p. 42:

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Bolding added to highlight the two changes:

1. The first sentences differ.
2. The second sentence from Wengert’s 2004 lecture (**In fact...**) is deleted in his 2008 book.