

For Christ is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. Ephesians 2:14

Nominations and Elections

Below you will find a listing of open offices and descriptions of the offices to be elected at the 2016 Synod Assembly.

Synod Council elections occur in two cycles: A and B. In 2016, conferences in cycle A will make nominations by February 28.

When a conference makes nominations, if two or more candidates are presented, nominations for that position close. If a conference only nominates one candidate, additional nominations may be made from the floor of the assembly. If there are no nominations from the conference, the Nominating Committee will continue to solicit nominations, taking into consideration any at-large nominations, and additional nominations may still be made from the floor of the assembly. More information is available in Chapter 9 of our constitution:

www.mnys.org/assets/1/7/SynodConstitution2010.06.pdf.

Updates to the nominations process will be posted on our assembly webpage: www.mnys.org/who-we_are/annual_assembly/.

Open Offices

Synod Officers (4-year term ending 2020)

- Treasurer

Consultation Committee (4-year term ending 2020)

- Lay female
- Lay male

Discipline Committee (4-year term ending 2020)

- Clergy female
- Clergy male
- Lay female
- Lay male

Synod Council, Cycle A (4-year term ending 2020)

- Clergy
 - Manhattan
 - Staten Island
 - Southwest Queens
- Lay female
 - Northwest Queens
 - South Shore Brooklyn
 - Hudson
- Lay male
 - Tappan Zee
 - Western Nassau
 - Peconic
- At Large
 - Clergy
 - Multicultural female
 - Young adult (ages 18-30)
 - Youth (ages 16-18; 2-year term ending in 2018)



Synod Council Officer: Treasurer

- *What is included in this position?*
The treasurer is accountable for the management of the monies and accounts of the synod, quarterly communication with congregations, as well as a report to the synod assembly (S8.40).
- *Are there requirements for this position?*
The treasurer is a voting member of a congregation in this synod and may be either an ordained minister or a layperson. A background check is performed before election. This is a four year position that may be reelected.
- *What type of time commitment is involved?*
This is a heavy time commitment with Executive Committee, Synod Council, and Financial Management Committee meetings.
- *How do I become treasurer?*
The Synod Council will nominate two people for this position. Other nominations can be made from the floor of the assembly. The treasurer is elected by the Synod Assembly.

Consultation Committee Member

- *What does this committee do?*
In accordance with our Synod Constitution (S17.11), the Consultation Committee may be called on to help resolve a conflict within a congregation that has already sought the assistance of the bishop. They may also be called on to make recommendations to the bishop as to whether or not a cause of discipline exists.
- *Are there requirements for this committee?*
The Consultation Committee consists of 12 members: half ordained ministers and half laypersons, half male and half female.
- *What type of time commitment is involved?*
Consultation Committee members serve on an as needed basis. Terms are for six years without consecutive nominations.
- *How do I become a member?*
Nominations are accepted until April 15, 2016. After which nominations must be made from the floor of the assembly. Members are elected by the Synod Assembly.

Discipline Committee Member

- *What does this committee do?*
As outlined in Chapter 20 of the ELCA Constitution, the Discipline Committee will hear the case against the accused in disciplinary proceedings in the ELCA. They help to determine what discipline, if any, shall be imposed. Discipline Hearing Panels are comprised of members from both the synodical Discipline Committee and the ELCA Discipline Committee.
- *Are there requirements for this committee?*
The Discipline Committee consists of 12 members: half ordained ministers and half laypersons, half male and half female.
- *What type of time commitment is involved?*
Discipline Committee members serve on an as needed basis. Terms are for six years without consecutive nominations.
- *How do I become a member?*
Nominations are accepted until April 15, 2016. After which nominations must be made from the floor of the assembly. Members are elected by the Synod Assembly.

Synod Council Member

- *What is included in this position?*

The Synod Council serves as a board of directors that makes legislative decisions between Synod Assemblies. The Synod Council exercises trusteeship responsibilities, recommends goals and budgets to the assembly, carries out resolutions of the assembly, reviews the official rosters and rostered leaders' statuses, issues calls, as well as supervise the work of committees (S.10).

- *Are there requirements for this position?*

Synod Council members must be voting members of a congregation of our synod or on our synod's roster of ordained ministers. Aside from officers, there are 10 to 24 members:

- at least one who is a youth (ages 16-18, serving a 2 year term)
- at least one who is a young adult (ages 18-30, serving a 4 year term)
- 8 clergy members (serving a 4 year term)
- 6 lay female (serving a 4 year term)
- 6 lay male (serving a 4 year term)

- *What type of time commitment is involved?*

The Synod Council meets most months: 6 Tuesday evenings, 2 Saturdays and 1 overnight retreat. Evening meetings are at The Interchurch Center in Manhattan and Saturday meetings are hosted by congregations throughout our synod. Seats on Synod Council will be declared vacant after 4 consecutive absences or overall attendance that is less than 50% in a twelve month period.

- *How do I become a member?*

Conferences listed on page 1 will make nominations by February 28. When a conference makes nominations, if two or more candidates are presented, nominations for that position close. If a conference only nominates one candidate, additional nominations may be made from the floor of the assembly. If there are no nominations from the conference, the Nominating Committee will continue to solicit nominations, taking into consideration any at-large nominations, and additional nominations may still be made from the floor of the assembly. Members are elected by the Synod Assembly. More information is available in Chapter 9 of our constitution:

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