



**Building Bridges**  
*Construyendo Puentes*

## Nominations and Elections

As our 2018 Synod Assembly we will be electing officers, persons to our Synod Council, Consultation Committee, Discipline Committee and 2019 Churchwide Assembly voting members. Here you will find both the listing of open seats and a description of the position. We strongly recommend those nominated are familiar with the position description below.

Updates to the nominations process will be posted on our assembly webpage:

[www.mnys.org/who-we-are/annual-assembly/](http://www.mnys.org/who-we-are/annual-assembly/).

Synod Officers	Synod Council Open Seats/Offices	Consultation Committee	2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly
4-year term ending 2022	2-year unexpired term ending 2020	6-year term ending 2024	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vice President</li> <li>Secretary</li> <li>Treasurer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lay male</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(2) clergy female</li> <li>(2) clergy male</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(3) clergy female</li> <li>(2) clergy male</li> <li>(3) lay female</li> <li>(4) lay male multicultural</li> <li>(1) Young Adult</li> </ul>
	4-year term ending 2022	<b>Discipline Committee</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(4) Clergy</li> <li>(3) Lay female</li> <li>(3) Lay Male</li> <li>multicultural male</li> <li>young adult, 18-30</li> </ul>	6-year term ending 2024	
	2-year term ending 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>lay female</li> <li>lay male</li> <li>clergy female</li> <li>clergy male</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>youth, 16-18</li> </ul>		

### Vice President

The vice-president shall be a layperson and a voting member of a congregation of this synod. The vice-president shall chair the Synod Council. In the event of the death, resignation, or disability of the bishop, the vice-president shall convene the Synod Council to arrange for the conduct of the duties of bishop until a new bishop is elected or, in the case of temporary disability, until the bishop resumes full duties of the office.

### Secretary

The secretary shall be a voting member of a congregation of this synod and may be either a layperson or minister of Word and Sacrament. The secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Synod Assembly and the Synod Council, and be responsible for the distribution of such minutes. The secretary in consultation with the bishop, will classify and arrange all important papers and documents and deposit them in the archives of the synod. The secretary chairs the synod Constitution Review Team and may perform other duties as directed by the synod.

## **Treasurer**

The treasurer shall be a voting member of a congregation of this synod and may be either a layperson or a minister of Word and Sacrament. The treasurer shall provide and be accountable for the management of the synod's finances, properties, and investments. The treasurer shall report regularly to the Synod Council and provide the Synod Assembly with detailed and duly audited financial reports and a proposed budget for adoption.

## **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 unexcused absences or overall attendance that is less than 50% in a twelve-month period.

- How do I become a member?

In 2018, we are filling 12 seats. Conferences will submit nominations to the Nominating Committee by **February 15**. See election cycle, **here**. The Nominating Committee will solicit nominations through an [online form](#) until **April 20**. 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.

### **Consultation Committee**

The Consultation Committee consists of twelve (12) persons, of whom six (6) shall be laypersons and six (6) shall be ministers of Word and Sacrament, who shall be elected for a term of six years. Members of the Consultation Committee are called to consider matters of adjudication in a congregation. The functions of the Consultation Committee are set forth in Chapter 17 of our synod constitution.

### **Committee on Discipline**

The Committee on Discipline shall consist of twelve (12) persons of whom six (6) shall be ministers of Word and Sacrament, and six (6) shall be laypersons who shall be elected for a term of six years. The Committee on Discipline shall be responsible for the process of discipline governing officers, ministers of Word and Sacrament, ministers of Word and Service, congregations, and members of congregations in accordance with Chapter 20 of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

### **2019 Churchwide Assembly Voting Members**

The Churchwide Assembly is the highest legislative authority of the churchwide organization. Voting members of the Churchwide Assembly must be a voting member of a congregation of this church elected by the members of the Synod Assembly. The Churchwide Assembly will be held August 5-10, 2019 in Milwaukee, WI.