



NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

At our 2020 Synod Assembly we will be electing persons to our Synod Council, here you will find both the listing of open seats and a description of the position. We strongly recommend that those nominated are familiar with the position description below.

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

Synod Council Open Seats/Offices

4-year term ending 2024

- (4) Clergy
- (3) Lay Female
- (3) Lay Male
- Multicultural Lay Female
- Young Adult, 18-30

2-year term ending 2022

- Youth, 16-18

Consultation Committee

6-year term ending 2026

- Lay Female
- Lay Male
- Clergy Female
- Clergy Male

Discipline Committee

6-year term ending 2026

- Lay Female
- Lay Male
- Clergy Female
- Clergy Male

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 supervises 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 females (serving a 4 year term)
- 6 lay males (serving a 4 year term)



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What type of time commitment is involved?

The Synod Council meets most months: 6 Tuesday evenings, 2 Saturdays and 1 overnight retreat. Meetings are at The Interchurch Center in Manhattan. Seats on the Synod Council will be declared vacant after 4 unexcused absences or an overall attendance that is less than 50% in a twelve-month period.

How do I become a member?

In 2020 we are filling 13 seats. The Nominating Committee will solicit nominations through a conference nomination period **until February 1**, when name and contact information may be submitted to the committee for consideration. After this, the committee will solicit nominations through an online form during the open nominations period until March 2. 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, [here](#).

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.