

Nominations and Elections

As our 2017 Synod Assembly we will be electing three persons to our Synod Council to fill unexpired terms. 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.



Synod Council Open Seats

3-year term ending 2020

- Clergy
- Clergy
- Lay female

Updates to the nominations process will be posted on our assembly webpage: www.mnys.org/who-we-are/annual-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 unexcused absences or overall attendance that is less than 50% in a twelve-month period. Please visit www.mnys.org/events/?F_c=4 to get a sense of the meeting frequency.
- *How do I become a member?*

In 2017 we are filling three unexpired terms. The Nominating Committee will solicit nominations through an open nomination period until January 31 when name and contact info may be submitted to the committee for consideration. After this the committee will solicit nominations through an online form. 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: www.mnys.org/assets/1/7/SynodConstitution2010.06.pdf.



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