



Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Dear Retired and On Leave of Call ministers,

As you may be aware, a 2015 change in our constitution now allows retired and on leave of call ministers to vote at synod assembly. The exact language from the synod constitution is below. As it is now a bishop election year please pay close attention to the requirements and also how any overages in clergy numbers will be handled by the executive committee of the Synod council. We look forward to seeing many of you June 2-3, 2018 as we elect a new bishop. You may also attend the assembly as an advisor should you wish (voice/no vote). There will be **no** registrations "at the door" so please watch for details later this winter to register!

S7.22.A15. All retired ordained ministers and ordained ministers on leave from call on the roster of this synod may participate as voting members at the Synod Assembly, if they are affirmed by their congregation and consistent with S7.21 above. The retired ordained ministers and the ordained ministers on leave from call shall not be counted towards the lay male or lay female voting members allotted to each congregation. If the 60% lay person voting requirement of S7.21 is not met due to the vote participation of retired pastors and ordained ministers on leave from call, the officers of the Synod Council shall reduce the number retired voting participants and ordained ministers on leave from call by lot until the 60% requirement is met.

Thank you for your continued ministry,

Reverend Richard N. Hoyme, Bishop
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