

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AT 2018 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

with Nominations we have received

Synod Council: (names indicate nomination forms received by the synod office as of 4-24-18)

Dean's Representative	Need Nominee
Women's Representative	Penny Budzien
LYO Representative	Need Nominee
Ecumenical Representative	Pr. Joe Summerville
Vice President	Holy Lantagne, Jackie Wilson, Vince Indelicato
Discipleship Ministry Team Leader	Lynne O'Shea
Leadership Ministry Team Leader	Deacon Shannon Johnson
Youth/Young Adult Ministry Team Leader	Jona Burnett
Cluster Coordinators for Cluster 1, 3, 5, and 7	
Cluster 1	Pat Garling
Cluster 3	Need Nominee Maybe combined with Cluster 2
Cluster 5	Lisa Milzarek
Cluster 7	Shari Marshall

Note: Depending upon who is elected Vice President either we will need a new Cluster 8 Coordinator of Cluster 6 Coordinator

Consultation Committee 6 MEMBERS Need 6 nominees

Endowment Fund Committee 3 MEMBERS Need 3 Nominees

Voting Members to C2019 Churchwide Assembly 5 Voting Members

- Bishop Mike Girlinghouse
- Lay Male
- Lay Female- Jackie Wilson
- PCL Male or Female
- Youth or Young Adult Male or Female

**Below are the descriptions and Terms for the above Positions**

Synod Council:

**S9.11.04.** Prior to each meeting of the Synod Assembly, on or before a date set by the Nominating Committee, the Deans, Synod's Youth organization and the Women's Synodical Organization of the ELCA or other women's ministry shall submit the name of their nominee to serve on the Synod Council as their representative to the nominating committee. The representatives of these groups shall serve a one year term.

Dean's Representative Deans of Clusters Nominate

Women's Representative – Women Nominate

LYO Representative – LYO Nominates

Ecumenical Representative: Pr. Joseph Summerville is serving with appointment from the council until the 2018 Assembly when he will stand for election to complete the term vacated by Pr. Meredith Harber.

**S8.20. Vice President**

†**S8.21.** The vice president shall be elected by the Synod Assembly. The vice president shall be a layperson. The vice president shall be a voting member of a congregation of this synod. The vice president shall not receive a salary for the performance of the duties of the office.

**S8.22.** The vice president shall chair the Synod Council.

**S8.23.** In the event of the death, resignation, or disability of the bishop, the vice president, after consultation with the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, shall convene the Synod Council to arrange for the conduct of the duties of the bishop until a new bishop shall be elected or, in the case of temporary disability, until the bishop resumes full performance of the duties of the office.

- **Vice-president** - b. 4 year term can be reelected.

**S11.40.C15. Discipleship Team.**

- a. The members of the team shall include:
  - 1) DEM
  - 2) Women's Ministry Representative
  - 3) Team Leader
  - 4) Stewardship Chair
  - 5) Renewal Chair
  - 6) Others as needed.
- b. The team shall meet at least quarterly.
- c. The team's responsibilities shall include, but is not limited to:
  - 1) Facilities Management Worship
  - 2) Prayer
  - 3) Study
  - 4) Reconciliation/Conflict Transformation Team
  - 5) Stewardship Table
  - 6) Renewal Table
  - 7) Annual Mission Gatherings
  - 8)

**Discipleship Ministry Team Leader – Pr. Lynne O'Shea – 4 year term (Nominated to fulfil the 4 year term of Pr. David Viles – can be reelected.**

**S11.40.F15. Youth/Young Adults Team.**

- a. The members of the team shall include:
  - 1) DEM
  - 2) Assistant to the Bishop for Youth and Family

- 3) Youth Representative
- 4) Team Leader
- 5) Others as needed
- b. The team shall meet at least quarterly.
- c. The team's responsibilities shall include, but is not limited to:
  - 1) LYO
  - 2) Support Local Youth Ministers/Ministries
  - 3) Campus Ministry
  - 4) Camping Ministry
  - 5) Leadership Development
  - 6) Family Ministry

Youth/Young Adult Ministry Team Leader – 4 year term

**S11.40.E15.** Leadership Development Team.

- a. The members of the team shall include:
  - 1) Bishop
  - 2) Call Process Administrator
  - 3) Candidacy Chair
  - 4) Team Leader
  - 5) Others as needed
- b. The team shall meet at least quarterly.
- c. The team's responsibilities shall include, but is not limited to:
  - 1) Lay Leadership Training
  - 2) Rostered Leaders Renewal and Continuing Education
  - 3) Call Process
  - 4) Candidacy Committee
  - 5) **Gifts/Assets**

Leadership Ministry Team Leader – 4 year term- can be reelected.

**S10.01.A15.** Mission Cluster Coordinators shall:

- a. Serve on the Synod Council.
- b. Report the activities and decisions of the Synod Council to Mission Centers in their Mission Clusters.
- c. Gather information, joys, and concerns from the Mission Centers in their Mission Clusters to bring to the attention of the Synod Council.
- d. Work with the Dean to gather stories and ideas to share with the Synod Communications Director for use in Synod.
- e. Communicate information about the programs, activities, events, ministries, and mission of the Synod and Churchwide organization to local congregations and ministries.
- f. Recruit and train a Mission Communicator for each Mission Center.

Ministry Cluster Coordinators – 4 year term

Cluster 1

Cluster 3

Cluster 5

Cluster 7

†S11.02. The Consultation Committee of this synod shall consist of at least six persons and not more than 12 persons, of whom half shall be ministers of Word and Sacrament and half shall be laypersons, who shall each be elected by the Synod Assembly for a term of six years without consecutive re-election. The functions of the Consultation Committee are set forth in Chapter 20 of the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* and in Chapter 17 of this constitution. The size of the Consultation Committee, in accord with this provision, shall be defined in this synod's bylaws.

**6 at large members from any of the 8 clusters.**

**S11.06.** Mission Endowment Fund Committee.

**S11.06.01.** The Mission Endowment Fund Committee of five persons who are voting members of congregations of this Synod shall be elected by the Synod Assembly. The term of office will be three years with the first slate of members serving staggered terms. Each year following the initial election, two members will be elected with one elected every third year. Members are eligible for only two consecutive terms. In addition to the elected members, the Bishop of the Synod shall be an *ex-officio* member of the committee, with voice and vote. The Treasurer of the Synod shall maintain the account of the Mission Endowment Fund and serve as an *ex-officio* member of the committee, with voice but without vote. The purpose of the committee shall be to implement the guidelines of the mission endowment fund.

**S11.06.02.** The guidelines of the Mission Endowment Fund Committee shall include the following:

- a. Annual distributions will be a percentage of the undistributed earnings of the Mission Endowment Fund and may include interest and dividends received, realized gains, and/or unrealized gains, but shall not include any portion of the Fund's principal balance.
  - 1) A minimum of 20% for outreach in the Synod as the Committee determines;
  - 2) A minimum of 20% for ELCA Churchwide ministries as the Committee determines;
  - 3) A minimum of 20% for extraordinary programs/capital improvement or other ministry initiatives within the Synod;
  - 4) The remaining 40% distributed through any of the above categories.Annual distributions will be a percentage of the annual value of the Mission Endowment Fund balance, and may include interest and dividends received, realized gains, and/or unrealized gains but shall not include any portion of the Fund's principal balance.
- b. To determine how the Fund assets will be invested, including the asset allocation. The investment objective will be to provide long-term growth so that the annual distribution will keep pace with inflation. Investments may be made through outside investors such as in the ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust and/or the ELCA Mission Investment Fund. No committee member shall invest the assets in a way that would bring private inurement to that individual. The committee shall report at least annually to the Synod Council on any and all activity within the Fund. Current balance, additions, distributions and any other activity should be included in the report. An annual accounting and a report of ministries supported through the Fund shall be distributed to the Synod Assembly.

- c. To encourage gifts to the Mission Endowment Fund through education and promotion of the Fund. The committee may use the services of the ELCA Foundation Regional Gift Planner in assisting members with the best way to include the Mission Endowment Fund in their current giving and estate plans.
- d. To receive and celebrate gifts given for ministry through the Mission Endowment Fund. The committee has the discretion to decline acceptance of a gift if deemed to be in the best interest of the Fund and the Synod.
- e. To respond to Synod Council requests, under unforeseen emergency situations, to use principal of the Fund to help the Synod rectify an economically devastating situation.
- f. To accept undesignated gifts received by this Synod, such as, but not limited to, bequests, life insurance proceeds and remainders from life income agreements.

3 at large members from any of the 8 clusters.

#### Churchwide Voting Members to 2019 Churchwide Assembly

Lay Adult Female Representative

Lay Adult Male Representataive

Rostered Minister Male or Female)

Youth or Young Adult (Male or Female)

Person of Color or Language Other than English (Male or Female)