

## **Duties of the Vice President of our Greater Milwaukee Synod**

According to our Constitution:

S8:20 Vice President

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.

The vice-president shall chair the Synod Council.

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.

My 2 cents:

I chair bi-monthly meeting and an executive committee meeting about 2 weeks before (this is usually a phone conference). I develop the agenda with the help of the synod office (Mary Romskog). If our Bishop calls a special executive committee meeting, I would chair that as well.

I try to have breakfast with our Bishop once a month. This is helpful to be a sounding board for him (or her) and to be aware of pending or ongoing issues.

I also chair and host the annual Congregational Leaders Event committee.

The VP is an automatic voting member the next churchwide assembly (August 2013 and every 3 years after that).

The term is 4 years and you can be re-elected once.

From time to time, I have represented our synod at services to install a pastor or end a pastor's call. I have also attended consultation meetings at the request of our bishop.

I see the primary job of the vice president as being our bishop's and our synod's biggest cheerleader. This does not mean that I never question a decision. But once a decision is made, I have to be behind it 100%.

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