



# ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod 2021 Special Assembly

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## OVERVIEW:

The Greater Milwaukee Synod gathered online for a Special Synod Assembly on Saturday, January 23. The meeting was called by Bishop Paul Erickson to consider several changes to the synod's governing documents that had been proposed in November of 2019 for consideration at the 2020 Synod Assembly, which was cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic. These changes were approved, with the result being that the synod's 120 congregations will now be organized into 6 conferences instead of 10 mission clusters. Additional information about these changes is located on the synod website at [milwaukeeesynod.org/event/2021-special-assembly](https://milwaukeeesynod.org/event/2021-special-assembly). The assembly also heard updates on the ministry and the financial status of the synod, including an announcement of the \$2.3 million Synod Mission Appeal, Equipping the Saints.

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## NEXT STEPS:

1. The Greater Milwaukee Synod Council will meet on Thursday, January 28 to vote on the proposed makeup of the six conferences and the schedule for nominations that need to come from the conferences. This information will be sent to all congregations of the synod on February 1.
  2. The new conferences will be asked to meet to elect deans and nominate individuals to serve on the Synod Council and as Voting Members at the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly by March 15.
  3. The elections for Synod Council, Churchwide Assembly Voting Members, Synod Vice President and Synod Treasurer, and members of the Consultation Committee, will occur at the Regular Synod Assembly, taking place online April 30-May 1, 2021. All those newly elected will take office on September 1, 2021.
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### PARTICIPANTS

**Voting Members:** 266  
**Non Voting Members:** 9  
**TOTAL:** 275

### THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who gathered for our virtual Special Synod Assembly, and to our synod staff and hosts at Our Savior's, Hartland for running the event!

Many of our event resources will be online shortly at [milwaukeeesynod.org](https://milwaukeeesynod.org).