



Greater Milwaukee Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Synod Positions

SYNOD COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Vice President is the chair of the Synod Council, a member of the Executive Committee, and an officer of the synod. The term of office is four years and the Vice President is eligible to serve two consecutive terms. The Vice President leads the Synod Council and Executive Council Committee. The Synod Council acts as the interim legislative authority in determining the policies of the synod, when the annual Synod Assembly is not in session. The Vice President must be familiar with the work of other Synod Boards and Committees.

QUALIFICATIONS: The Vice President must be a layperson and a voting member of a congregation of this synod. This person needs a vision of the mission of the church, a record of leadership in their local congregation, and a commitment to Christ expressed in the stewardship of one's gifts. They must have the ability to lead a group of representatives of the synod concerning the policies and mission of the church and the synod.

SYNOD COUNCIL TREASURER

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Treasurer of the Synod Council is a member of the Executive Committee and an officer of the synod. The term of office is four years and the Treasurer is eligible to serve two consecutive terms. The Treasurer is responsible for monitoring and reporting the financial results of the Synod to the Council. The Treasurer is a member of the Finance Committee of the Synod, and assists in the preparation of the annual budget. The Treasurer must attend the annual synod assembly to report on the finances of the synod, and answer questions about the budget when it is being considered for approval.

QUALIFICATIONS: The Treasurer can be either lay or clergy, and a voting member of a congregation of this synod. This person needs a vision of the mission of the church, a record of leadership in their local congregation, and a commitment to Christ expressed in the stewardship of one's gifts. They must have a knowledge of finances. Having worked with a congregation on their finances is a plus. They will have the opportunity to gain knowledge of the synod concerning the policies and mission of the church and the synod.

SYNOD COUNCIL

Each conference shall nominate one member to the Synod Council and may nominate members for At-Large positions. Elections for the At-Large positions shall take place at and by the Synod Assembly. The youth and young adult members are nominated by the Synod Council and elected by the Synod Assembly. The conference representative position shall be nominated by their conference and shall be elected by the Synod Assembly.



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JOB DESCRIPTION: The Synod Council shall be the board of directors of the Synod and shall serve as its interim legislative authority between meetings of the Synod Assembly. It may make decisions which are not in conflict with actions taken by the Synod Assembly or which are not precluded by provisions of the constitution and bylaws of the ELCA. The council normally meets six times a year. The term is four years, and a representative is eligible to serve two consecutive full terms. The term of the youth member is two years.

QUALIFICATIONS: Persons need a vision of the mission of the church, a record of leadership in their local congregation, and a commitment to Christ expressed in the stewardship of one's gifts. They must be able to share openly in the decisions concerning the policies and missions of the church and be ready to assist the bishop of the synod in working with the agencies, institutions, conferences, congregations and rostered ministers in implementing the work of the church.

SYNOD CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Synod Consultation Committee (12 members) is a constitutionally mandated committee to advise the Office of the Bishop and, as requested, to investigate situations that are potentially matters of formal ecclesiastical discipline. The committee meets at the request of the bishop. Occasionally individuals are selected from the Consultation Committee to assist congregations in processing matters of conflict or community relationships within a local parish. The committee serves in an advisory capacity. The term is six years with no re-election.

QUALIFICATIONS: The gifts requested for a successful ministry on this committee include the ability to listen with discernment, to act impartially during investigations, to reflect prayerfully and to articulate helpful guidance in situations of pain and difficulty.

SYNOD DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Discipline Committee (12 members) is a constitutionally mandated committee which acts to administer a thorough review and, as necessary, discipline process upon congregations and rostered individuals; Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Ministers of Word and Service. The Discipline Committee meets upon call of the Office of the Bishop should charges be either pending or submitted. The term is six years with no re-election.

QUALIFICATIONS: The primary gifts required for this ministry are the ability to reflect critically over the unfolding of events or incidences; the discernment of ethical requirements of ministry in the name of Christ; the ability to listen and the sensitivity to sit in humble judgment upon another Christian individual or body.