

2026 Elections – Synod Council, Officers, Committees, Officers

Synod Secretary

Purpose: Take and archive minutes of all Synod Council Meetings, Executive Committee Meetings and Synod Assemblies; is a member of the Committee of Assembly Business and Council (ABC) and Nominating Committee

Term: 4 years

Meetings: 20-24/year, Synod Assembly, as needed

Other Info: May be a layperson or rostered minister

More Info: Synod Constitution - S8.30.

Synod Council

Purpose: Conduct synod business between synod assemblies

Term: 3 years*

Meetings: 10-12/year, Synod Assembly, as needed

Other Info: Will be expected to serve on another synod committee (Finance, ABC, Executive, etc). Includes both laypersons and rostered ministers

More Info: Synod Constitution S10

Committee of Assembly and Counsel (ABC)

Purpose: Plan synod assemblies: facilities, agenda, programs, resolutions, contracting with third parties

Term: 2 years*

Meetings: 10-12/year, Synod Assembly, as needed

Other Info: May be a layperson or rostered minister

More Info: Synod Constitution S7.40.04

Consultation Committee

Purpose: Help resolve conflicts within the synod: rostered ministers, congregations, conferences, etc

Term: 6 years* No consecutive re-election

Meetings: As needed

Other Info: May be a layperson or rostered minister

More Info: Synod Constitution S11.02 and S17.11 ELCA Constitution Chapter 20

Committee on Discipline

Purpose: Determine if an infraction has occurred by a rostered minister and impose an appropriate course of discipline

Term: 6 years* No consecutive re-election

Meetings: As needed

Other Info: May be a layperson or rostered minister

More Info: Synod Constitution S11.03 ELCA Constitution Chapter 20

Nominating Committee

Purpose: Nominate persons for election at Synod Assembly

Term: 2 years*

Meetings: As needed, Synod Assembly

Other Info: May be a layperson or rostered minister

More Info: Synod Constitution S9

*Note that some of the terms listed on the conference nomination sheet may not be full terms, but finish the terms of current vacancies.