

## Synod Council

### Member-At-Large/Conference Representative

#### Constitutional Requirements & Job Description

**S10.02[R]** 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 this constitution or the constitution and bylaws of the ELCA.

**S6.04.[R]** Except as otherwise provided in this constitution and bylaws, the Synod Council shall establish processes that will ensure that at least 60% of the members of the synod assemblies, councils, committees, boards, and other organizational units shall be laypersons; and that, as nearly as possible, 50% of the lay members of assemblies, councils, committees, boards, or other organizational units shall be female and 50% shall be male; and that, where possible, the representation of ordained ministers shall be both male and female. This synod shall establish processes that will enable it to reach a minimum goal that 10% of its assemblies, councils, committees, boards, or other organizational units be persons of color and/or persons whose primary language is other than English.

**S9.03.** There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of seven members who shall be appointed by the Synod Council to serve for each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly. Additional nominations may be made from the floor for all elections for which nominations are made by the Nominating Committee.

**S10.01.[R]** The Synod Council consisting of the four officers of the synod, 10 to 24 other members, and at least one youth and at least one young adult, shall be elected by the Synod Assembly.

a. Each person elected to the Synod Council shall be a voting member of a congregation of this synod, with the exception of ordained ministers on the roster of this synod who reside outside the territory of this synod. The process for election and the term of office when not otherwise provided shall be specified in the bylaws. A member of the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, unless otherwise elected as a voting member of the Synod Council, may serve as an advisory member of the Synod Council with voice but not vote.

b. The term of office of members of the Synod Council, with the exception of the officers and the youth member, shall be three (3) years.

**S10.07.01** In addition to the officers and youth position, there shall be nineteen members of the Synod Council, nine elected as Conference Representatives by the Synod Assembly and ten elected as Members-at-Large by the Synod Assembly.

**S10.07.02** Except for the youth position, all members of the Synod Council shall be elected to a term of three (3) years and are eligible for one reelection.

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**S10.07.A94** No elected member of the Synod Council may serve more than six consecutive years on the Synod Council.

## 教區執事會

### 一般會員 / 區會代表

#### 章程規定要求和職位描述

**S10.02[R]** 教區執事會 (Synod Council) 應是教區的理事會 (board of directors), 並應作為其在教區大會非召集期間的臨時決策單位。它可以做出不與教區大會採取的行動相衝突的決定, 或者不被本章程或 ELCA 的章程和規章 (bylaws) 所排除的決定。

**S6.04.[R]** 除非本章程和規章 (bylaws) 另有規定, 否則教區執事會應建立流程, 確保至少 60% 的教區大會、執事會、委員會、理事會和其他組織單位的成員應成為平信徒; 大會、執事會、委員會、理事會或其他組織單位的平信徒中, 女性應盡可能佔 50%, 男性應佔 50%; 並且, 在可能的情況下, 已受按立的聖職人員代表應為男性和女性。教區應建立流程, 使其能夠達到最低目標, 即其大會、執事會、委員會、理事會或其他組織單位中有 10% 是非白人和 / 或主要語言不是英語的人。

**S9.03.** 應有一個提名委員會, 由七名成員組成, 由執事會任命, 為教區大會的每次例會服務。對於由提名委員會提名的所有選舉, 可以從現場進行額外提名。

**S10.01.[R]** 執事會由四名教區的官員、10 至 24 名其他成員、至少一名青少年 (youth) 和至少一名年輕人 (young adult) 組成, 應由教區大會選舉產生。

a、每個當選為教區執事會成員的人都應是本次教區會眾的投票成員, 但居住在教區領土之外的教區名冊上的按立牧師除外。選舉程序和任期無特殊規定者, 依章程所規定實行。美國福音信義會 (ELCA) 教會執事會的成員, 除非另行當選為教區執事會有投票權的成員, 否則可以擔任執事會的顧問成員, 僅有發言權但無表決權。

b、除官員和青少年成員外, 執事會成員的任期為三年。

**S10.07.01** 除官員和青少年職位外, 還有 19 名執事會成員, 其中 9 名為區會代表 (Conference Representatives), 經由教區大會選舉產生; 10 名一般會員由執事會選舉。

**S10.07.02** 除青少年職位外, 教區執事會的所有成員均應任期三年, 並有資格連選連任一次。

**S10.07.A94** 教區執事會的當選成員不得連續在教區執事會任職超過六年。

**S10.07.05** Members-at-Large on the Synod Council shall be nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee in a manner that will fulfill the provisions of S6.04. and insure that at least 40% of the Synod Council is male and at least 40% is female.

**S10.07.A87** The Nominating Committee shall nominate two persons for each Member-at-Large position and arrange the ballot so that both persons for each position are ordained ministers or laymen or laywomen or persons of color and/or persons whose primary language is other than English.

**S10.07.B87** Nominations from the floor for Members-at-Large on the Synod Council shall be listed on the ballot in a way that has nominees running against peers in harmony with S10.07.A87.

**S10.07.C87** Nominations made from the floor must be endorsed by the signatures of at least ten members of the Synod Assembly, the agreement of the nominee to serve if elected must have been secured, and biographical information must be available in writing for distribution to the voting members.

**S10.07.D87** No more than four members of the Synod Council, with the exception of the Bishop, may be from the same Conference.

**S10.07.09** No member of the Synod Council may serve simultaneously on more than one synod team or conference leadership team, except as appointed by the Council to serve as Council liaison to specific teams and conference leadership teams, or as specified in the constitution, by-laws and continuing resolutions of the synod.

Members are expected to be present at all meetings. The Synod Council meets at least three (3) times each year. Membership also requires some additional work on Mission Teams, Task Forces and Committees.

**Qualifications:** Persons elected to the Synod Council 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 mission of the church, and be ready to assist the bishop of the synod in working with the agencies, institutions, conferences and congregations in implementing the work of the church.

Synod Council terms are for three years and members are eligible for one re-election.

**S10.07.05** 教區執事會的一般會員應由大會提名委員會以符合 S6.04 規定的方式提名。確保至少 40% 的教區執事會成員是男性，至少 40% 是女性。

**S10.07.A87** 提名委員會應為每個一般會員職位提名兩人並安排投票，以便每個職位的兩人都是受按立聖職人員、或平信徒、或非白人和 / 或主要語言不是英語的人。

**S10.07.B87** 教區執事會一般會員的現場提名應以與 S10.07.A87 一致的方式在選票上列出。

**S10.07.C87** 與會代表的提名必須得到至少十名大會成員的簽名認可，必須確保被提名人同意當選後述職，並且必須以書面形式提供自傳資訊以供分發給有投票權的成員做為投票參考。

**S10.07.D87** 除主教（監督）外，來自同一區會（Conference）的教區成員不得超過四名。

**S10.07.09** 執事會的任何成員不得同時服務於一個以上的教區團隊或區會領導團隊，除非由執事會任命擔任與特定團隊和區會領導團隊的執事會對口聯絡人（Council liaison），或由教區的章程、規章和持續決議中特別規定。

成員應出席所有會議。教區執事會每年至少召開三次會議。成員還需要配合事工團隊、工作小組和委員會進行一些額外的工作。

**資格：** 被選入教區執事會的人需要對教會的使命有遠見，具備在當地會眾中的領導記錄，以及對基督的委身，表現出對管理(stewardship) 的個人恩賜。他們必須能夠公開分享關於教會政策和使命的決定，並準備好協助教區的主教（監督）與各機構 (agency)、機構 (institution)、區會 (conferences) 和會眾一起實施教會的工作。

教區執事會任期三年，成員有資格連選連任一次。