

Synod Assembly Voting Members

Who is a voting member and how many can attend?

- All Ministers of Word and Service (Deacons) & Ministers of Word and Sacrament (Pastors) under call
- Vicars and Synod Authorized Ministers serving a congregation for at least a year
- 5% of Rostered Ministers Not Under Call (identified through a selection process)
- Congregations with fewer than 175 baptized members send *at least one (but no more than two) lay voting member
- Congregations with at least 175 baptized members send two lay voting members (preferably a male and a female)
- Congregations with at least 400 baptized members send three lay voting members (preferably a male and a female; no guidance on the 3rd member)
- All Congregations may send an *additional youth (younger than 18 years old) OR young adult (18-30 years old)

***Therefore, congregations with fewer than 400 baptized members would be allowed up to three lay voting members (two lay & one youth OR young adult) and congregations over 400 baptized members would be allowed four lay voting members (three lay & one youth OR young adult).**

(Congregations may send a *minimum of 1 lay voting member - *maximum of 3 or 4 lay voting members.)