

# **Positions needing election at the 2025 Synod Assembly**

**Elections close May 1**

## **Synod Vice-President**

The vice president shall be elected by the Synod Assembly. The vice president shall be a layperson. The vice president shall be a voting member of a congregation of this synod. The vice president shall not receive a salary for the performance of the duties of the office.

The vice president shall serve as the chair of the Synod Council and the Executive Committee of the Synod Council. In the event of the absence or illness of the bishop, the vice president shall serve as the chair of the Synod Assembly.

The synod vice president collaborates with the Bishop of the Synod in the formation and implementation of the Synod's vision and mission.

The synod vice president shall serve as the representative from the Rocky Mountain Synod ELCA to the Region 2 Council.

The terms of the officers of this synod shall be as follows: The vice president and secretary of this synod shall be elected to a term of four years and may be re-elected. The officer shall serve until a successor takes office. The vice president and secretary shall not be eligible for more than two consecutive terms in that office.

**[VP Election Link](#)**

## Member of the Consultation Committee (2 lay positions to be filled)

The Consultation Committee of this synod shall consist of at least six persons and not more than 12 persons, of whom half shall be rostered ministers and half shall be laypersons, who shall each be elected by the Synod Assembly for a term of six years without consecutive reelection. The functions of the Consultation Committee are set forth in Chapter 20 of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and in Chapter 17 of this constitution. The size of the Consultation Committee, in accord with this provision, shall be defined in this synod's bylaws.

The Consultation Committee of this synod shall consist of 6 persons, of whom three shall be rostered ministers and three shall be laypersons.

## Member of the Discipline Committee (1 position to be filled)

The Committee on Discipline of this synod shall consist of 12 persons, of whom six shall be rostered ministers and six shall be laypersons, who shall each be elected by the Synod Assembly for a term of six years without consecutive reelection.

The functions of the Committee on Discipline of this synod are set forth in Chapter 20 of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The Synod Council shall fill vacancies on the Committee on Discipline for any unexpired term.

## Member of the Campus Ministry Committee (1 layperson or rostered minister)

The Campus Ministry Committee shall be responsible for developing, supporting, interpreting, and advocating the mission of ELCA campus ministry among the students, faculty and staff at institutions of higher education on the territory of this synod.

The Campus Ministry Committee shall facilitate an interdependent relationship with the ELCA Churchwide Campus Ministry Team and the local Campus Ministry Agencies.

The Campus Ministry Committee shall develop and present an annual budget to the Finance Committee for the development and support of campus ministry. The Campus Ministry Committee shall develop and provide to the Campus Ministry Agencies a synodical grant application and distribute budgeted funds based upon those

applications annually. Local application for and allocation of funds shall be the responsibility of the Campus Ministry Agencies.

The Campus Ministry Committee shall develop, encourage, and support cooperating congregations for outreach on campuses where there is not a Campus Ministry Agency.

The Campus Ministry Committee shall commend the Campus Ministry Agencies personnel policies consistent with ELCA policies, work with Campus Ministry Agencies in staff evaluations and participate in the quadrennial site reviews. The Campus Ministry Agencies and Synod Council shall consult the ELCA Churchwide Campus Ministry Team before issuing, or the synod's bishop attesting, a call involving significant campus ministry responsibilities.

The Campus Ministry Committee shall approve and assist all capital fund raising efforts of campus ministries in this synod consistent with the synod's and ELCA's policy guidelines.

The Campus Ministry Committee shall work with the National Lutheran Campus Ministry Inc., for the acquisition and management of property.

The Campus Ministry Committee, through its chair, shall prepare an annual report for the annual Synod Assembly; provide through the designated synod staff and synod council liaison, regular reports to the Synod Council of program accomplishments long-range planning, requests for capital funding, and recommendations to call new staff.

The Campus Ministry Committee may appoint a grant review team that will work in collaboration with the executive committee and treasurer of the Synod Council to make recommendations regarding the distribution of synod funds made to Campus Ministry sites. The Campus Ministry Committee will also oversee financial matters related to the interpretation and the encouragement of synod campus ministry support with congregations.

The Campus Ministry Committee shall be comprised of six to ten voting members in accordance with the representational principles of the ELCA and Rocky Mountain Synod, three members to be elected by Synod Assembly for a term of four years with the possibility of one additional consecutive term, and the other members to be appointed by the Synod Council for a term of four years with the possibility of one consecutive appointment. Terms conclude at the time of the synod assembly. The Campus Ministry Committee shall elect biennially a chair, secretary, and may appoint a grant review team at the first meeting following the Synod Assembly in that year.

The Campus Ministry Committee shall include advisory members with the privilege of voice, but not vote, including, but not limited to, a member of the ELCA CCMT, the synod bishop's designated staff member, Synod Council liaison, and RMS campus ministry staff members.

**Members of the Nominating Committee (6 members reflecting a balance of gender, rostered and lay persons, a multi-cultural presence, and a geographical balance according to the standard representational mandate of the ELCA)**

A chairperson shall be appointed by the Synod Council to a two-year term, not eligible for reelection. No person holding an office elected by the Synod Assembly shall serve on the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee shall seek to nominate at least two persons for each vacancy to be filled by election at the Synod Assembly with the exception of voting members to the Churchwide Assembly. In the matter of all nominations, the Nominating Committee shall be concerned with representation of rostered ministers and lay people seeking gender balance and diversity, people of color and/or whose primary language is other than English, youth and young adults. Nominations may be sought using synod electronic communications. Additional nominations may be made from the floor for all elections for which nominations are made by the Nominating Committee.

**Click [HERE](#) to nominate someone for one of the above committees**