

Information on Elected Positions Needing Nominations

Synod Council Positions

Position	Qualifications	Responsibilities
Synod Council Member Area Ministry 1 3 Year Term	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lay 2. Female 3. Voting member of a congregation in Area Ministry 1 of the Central States Synod <p>Note: Incumbent eligible for election</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. Attend Synod Council meetings, ordinarily 3 each year. [Note: Members of the Executive Committee are appointed from the elected membership of the Synod Council. Members who accept appointments to the Executive Committee would attend Executive Committee meetings in addition to Synod Council meetings.] 3. Serve as a member of the Area Ministry Executive Committee of the area ministry from which they are nominated.
Synod Council Member Area Ministry 4 3 Year Term	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lay 2. Male 3. Voting member of a congregation in Area Ministry 4 of the Central States Synod 	
Synod Council Member At-large Person of Color and/or Person Whose Primary Language is Other Than English (POC/LOE) ¹ 3 Year Term	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Person of Color and/or Language Other Than English. 2. Lay 3. Female 4. Voting member of a congregation in the Central States Synod <p>Note: Incumbent eligible for election</p>	
Synod Council Member Youth ² At Large 2 Year Term Note: This position is elected by the Synod Assembly in 2010.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Youth (Not yet 18 years of age when elected) 2. Male 3. Voting member of a congregation of the Central States Synod <p>Note: Incumbent eligible for election</p>	

¹ **5.01.C00.** The term, "persons of color and/or persons whose primary language is other than English," shall be understood to mean African American, Black, Arab and Middle Eastern, Asian and Pacific Islander, Latino, American Indian, and Alaska Native people. This definition, however, shall not be understood as limiting this church's commitment to inclusive participation in its life and work. [The Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America]

² **†S6.04.B09.** It is the goal of this synod that at least 10 percent of the voting members of the Synod Assembly, Synod Council, committees, and organizational units of this synod be youth and young adults. The Synod Council shall establish a plan for implementing this goal. For purposes of the constitution, bylaws, and continuing resolutions of this synod, the term "youth" means a voting member of a congregation who has not reached the age of 18 at the time of election or appointment for service. The term "young adult" means a voting member of a congregation between the ages of 18 and 30 at the time of election or appointment for service. (Adopted by 2009 Churchwide Assembly.)

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Voting Members - Churchwide Assembly 2011*

Position	Qualifications	Responsibilities
Voting Member of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly Area Ministry 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lay 2. Female 3. Voting member of a congregation in Area Ministry 1 of the Central States Synod 	<p>12.40. MEMBERS OF THE CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY</p> <p>12.41. The voting members of the Churchwide Assembly shall be the voting members of this church. The requirements for voting members of the assembly and other members shall be specified in the bylaws. (see detailed requirements on last page)</p> <p>12.41.10. - 12.41.15. Voting Members</p> <p>12.41.20. - 12.41.22. <i>Ex Officio</i> Members</p> <p>* The Churchwide Assembly will be held August 14-20, 2011 in Orlando, Florida</p>
Voting Member of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly Area Ministry 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clergy 2. Male 3. Rostered in Central States Synod and located in Area Ministry 2 	
Voting Member of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly Area Ministry 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lay 2. Male 3. Voting member of a congregation in Area Ministry 3 of the Central States Synod 	
Voting Member of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly Area Ministry 4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lay 2. Female 3. Young Adult³ (Age between 18 and 30 when elected) 4. Voting member of a congregation in Area Ministry 4 of the Central States Synod 	
Voting Member of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly Area Ministry 5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lay 2. Male 3. Voting member of a congregation in Area Ministry 5 of the Central States Synod 	
Voting Member of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly Area Ministry 6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clergy 2. Female 3. Rostered in Central States Synod and located in Area Ministry 6 	
Voting Member of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly Area Ministry 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clergy 2. Female 3. Rostered in Central States Synod and located in Area Ministry 7 	
Voting Member of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly Area Ministry 8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lay 2. Female 3. Voting member of a congregation in Area Ministry 8 of the Central States Synod 	
Voting Member of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly Area Ministry 9	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clergy 2. Male 3. Rostered in Central States Synod and located in Area Ministry 9 	
Voting Member of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly Area Ministry 10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clergy 2. Female 3. Rostered in Central States Synod and located in Area Ministry 10 	

³ Ibid.

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Voting Members - Churchwide Assembly 2011* - continued

Position	Qualifications	Responsibilities
Voting Member of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly At Large Person of Color and/or Person Whose Primary Language is Other Than English (POC/LOE)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lay 2. Male 3. Voting member of a congregation in of the Central States Synod 	<p>12.40. MEMBERS OF THE CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY</p> <p>12.41. The voting members of the Churchwide Assembly shall be the voting members of this church. The requirements for voting members of the assembly and other members shall be specified in the bylaws. (see detailed requirements on last page)</p>
Voting Member of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly At Large Person of Color and/or Person Whose Primary Language is Other Than English (POC/LOE)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lay 2. Female 2. Voting member of a congregation in of the Central States Synod 	
Voting Member of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly At Large Youth	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Youth (Not yet 18 years of age when elected) 2. Male 3. Voting member of a congregation of the Central States Synod 	<p>12.41.10. - 12.41.15. Voting Members</p> <p>12.41.20. - 12.41.22. <i>Ex Officio</i> Members</p>
Voting Member of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly At Large Clergy Male	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bishop of the Central States Synod 	No Election
Voting Member of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly At Large Lay Female	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vice President of the Central States Synod 	No Election

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12.40. MEMBERS OF THE CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

12.41. The voting members of the Churchwide Assembly shall be the voting members of this church. The requirements for voting members of the assembly and other members shall be specified in the bylaws. (see below)

12.41.10. Voting Members

12.41.11. Each synod shall elect one voting member of the Churchwide Assembly for every 5,800 baptized members in the synod. In addition, each synod shall elect one voting member for every 50 congregations in the synod. The synodical bishop, who is ex officio a member of the Churchwide Assembly, shall be included in the number of voting members so determined. There shall be at least two voting members from each synod. The secretary shall notify each synod of the number of assembly members it is to elect.

12.41.12. The secretary of each synod shall submit to the secretary of this church at least nine months before each regular Churchwide Assembly a certified list of the voting members elected by the Synod Assembly. If a voting member elected by the Synod Assembly is unable to serve, the name of an eligible person chosen by the Synod Council shall be submitted by the secretary of the synod to the secretary of this church. If a vacancy occurs or exists within 30 days or less of the convening of the Churchwide Assembly or during the meeting of the Churchwide Assembly, the synodical bishop may submit the name of an eligible person to the secretary of this church. The individual whose name is submitted to the secretary of this church shall be registered and seated by the Credentials Committee as a voting member from the synod.

12.41.13. Each voting member of the Churchwide Assembly shall be a voting member of a congregation of this church. Any such voting member (except a rostered person described in 7.42.b., c., d., or e., or 7.52.14.) shall cease to be a member of the assembly if no longer a voting member of a congregation of this church within the synod from which elected. The criterion for voting membership in the congregation from which the voting member is elected shall be in effect regarding minimum age for that voting member.

12.41.14. Voting members elected through the process of 12.41.11. through 13 shall begin serving with the opening of a regular Churchwide Assembly and shall continue serving until voting members are seated at the next regular Churchwide Assembly.

12.41.15. Except as defined in 12.41.21., employees of the churchwide organization, including those serving under call, appointment, employment agreement, or contract, shall not be eligible for election and service as voting members of the Churchwide Assembly.

12.41.20. Ex Officio Members

12.41.21. The officers of this church and the bishops of the synods shall serve as ex officio members of the Churchwide Assembly. They shall have voice and vote.

12.41.22. Unless otherwise determined by the synod, the synodical vice president shall serve as a voting member of the Churchwide Assembly.