

ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBER WAIVER REQUEST FORM

The Central States Synod Bylaw S.7.21.01.a states:

A minimum of two lay members elected by each congregation related to this synod, one of whom shall be male and one of whom shall be female, shall be voting members. Additional lay representation from congregations shall be on the basis of the number of baptized members as reported in the most recently published ELCA Yearbook. Congregations having 500-1500 baptized members shall have 4 voting members (2 male, 2 female); 1501-2500 baptized members shall have 6 voting members (3 male, 3 female); and over 2500 baptized members shall have 8 voting members (4 male, 4 female). Additional members from each congregation shall be divided between male and female except that the odd-numbered member, if any, may be either male or female.

At the 1998 Synod Assembly the following Bylaw (S.7.21.01.b) was adopted:

*In the event that a congregation is unable to adhere to S.7.21.01.a at their annual meeting, the congregation may request a waiver to be filed with the Synod Council by **March 16, 2009**. Such a request for waiver must state in detail the process followed to elect the voting members and the reasons for requesting a waiver. The Synod Council shall rule upon the request at their Spring meeting. The Synod Council in acting on these waiver requests shall seek to ensure that, as nearly as possible, 50 percent of the lay members of the assembly shall be female and 50 percent shall be male. The Synod Council will report their decision back to the congregation in a timely manner.*

Congregation: _____ Cong. ID #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please state in detail the process followed to elect the voting members from your congregation:

Please state the reason(s) for the requesting of a waiver:

Person requesting waiver: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____

Please return this form to the Synod Office by *March 5, 2010*
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