



Committees, Tables, and Teams of the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Synod Council3
 The highest legislative body of the synod is the Synod Assembly. Between assemblies, the Synod Council serves as the "board of directors."

Candidacy Committee3
 Oversees the process for individuals who desire to be rostered as ordained ministers, interviews candidates, and renders decisions regarding entrance, endorsement, and approval for ordained ministry.

Churchwide Assembly Voting Members (2022)4
 Voting members review the work of the churchwide officers and units acting on business proposed by them. They establish churchwide policy, adopt a budget, elect officers and board members along with other business required in the constitution and bylaws.

Companion Synod Team.....4
 The Central States Synod is a Companion Synod to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East (ELCUSFE) and the Kote (pronounced "cawtay") District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (ELCPNG).

Compensation Guidelines Committee.....4
 Develops a working document and procedure presented annually to the synod assembly. The document assists congregations in determining fair and appropriate compensation for rostered leaders.

Congregational Vitality Committee.....5
 An initiative to help congregations view changing culture as an opportunity and invitation to refocus energy and resources toward becoming communities of Jesus that nurture life-changing relationships with God, one another, and the world.

Consultation Committee5
 Authorized by constitution S11.01, this group of people assist the bishop by investigating complaints and recommending actions to resolve issues that could lead to discipline of a rostered leader or congregation.

Discipline Committee5
 Authorized by constitution S11.01, this group conducts disciplinary hearings as outlined in Chapter 20 of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the ELCA.

Eastern Missouri Conference Strategy Team5
 A collaboration of the congregations making up the Eastern Missouri Conference of the Central States Synod.

Faithful Innovation Team6
 A Learning Community seeking to deepen their ability to listen to God, one another, and their neighbors.

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Hunger Team6
 Gathers information, evaluates, makes recommendations, and supports hunger ministries in the synod.

Lutherans Restoring Creation/Earth Charter Team6
 Promotes Creation Care in the synod through, "cultivating a community of dedicated stewards of earth and neighbor who proclaim God's promise of hope and healing for all."

Mission Endowment Committee7
 The Central States Synod Mission Endowment Fund was established in 1999 by an action of the Synod Assembly. The purpose of the Fund is to enhance the mission outreach of the Central States Synod.

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Nominating Committee.....7
 Established by S9.03 of the constitution, this committee makes every attempt to obtain at least one nominee for each open elective position.

Parish Ministry Associate Coordinating Team7
 The PMA program seeks to equip people for their own ministry as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries.

Racial Justice Team8
 Encourages and provides resources for conversations in our ministry settings regarding faith and racial justice work.

Resolutions Committee.....8
 Established by S7.11.H.18 of the constitution, this committee ensures that resolutions submitted for consideration to the Synod Assembly are properly received.

Stewardship Committee.....8



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