

# Voting Members Waiver Form

## DUE March 8, 2024

A minimum of two lay members (typically one man and one woman) are elected by each congregation in the synod to serve as voting members. In the event a congregation is unable to adhere to the requirement of sending one lay man and one lay woman voting member (for example, sending two lay men) a waiver must be submitted by **March 8, 2024** to Mr. Tim Anderson, [tanderson@css-elca.org](mailto:tanderson@css-elca.org).

**You do not need to request a waiver if you are sending fewer than the minimum number of voting members allowed or if you are sending voting members who identify as non-binary.**

The Synod Council acts on these waiver requests to ensure that the lay membership of the assembly is at least 45 percent men and at least 45 percent women. 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 request of a waiver:

Person requesting waiver: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to the Synod Office by March 8, 2024**

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