Voting Members
to the Central States Synod Assembly
June 9-11, 2022, Embassy Suites Kansas City, Olathe, KS

The Synod Assembly is the highest legislative authority of the synod and is charged with electing members to the Synod Council, other synod committees and Churchwide voting members when needed, voting on a budget and other resolutions that are presented to the assembly.

- At least 60% shall be laypersons who are voting members of a congregation in the synod.

- A minimum of two lay members, typically one man and one woman, shall be elected or appointed by each congregation as voting members. Additional lay voting members from congregations shall be on the basis of the number of baptized members. (See the chart below)

- In the event a congregation needs to send two lay voting members who are both men or both women* they may request a waiver which must be filled out and **sent to the synod office by March 1** for approval by the Synod Council. Please note that in order to ensure that at least 45% of the lay voting members are women and at least 45% are men, the synod council may not approve all waivers. (A waiver is not required if only one lay voting member is able to attend.)

  ** Congregations with 500-1500 baptized members must complete a waiver if sending three voting members who are male or three who are female. Congregations with more than 1500 baptized members must complete a waiver if sending four voting members who are male or four who are female.*

- Congregations may send additional voting members provided that the person is a person of color or whose primary language is other than English or the person is youth, under the age of 18 at the time of their election.

- Authorized worshipping communities shall have only one lay member as a voting member at the assembly.

- All rostered ministers under call on the roster of the synod and Deacons shall be voting members.

- Retired rostered ministers and those who are on leave from call may be voting members as long as 60% of the assembly voting members remain lay persons.

- Synod Authorized Ministers serving a congregation under covenant by authority of the bishop shall be voting members of the assembly.

- Officers of the synod as well as Synod Council members who are not serving as lay voting members of their congregations shall be voting members of the assembly.

Number of Voting Members

A minimum of two lay members (typically one man and one woman) are elected or appointed by each congregation in the synod as 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 with 500-1500 baptized members can have (2 men, 2 women) voting members; 1501-2500 baptized members can have (3 men, 3 women) voting members; 2500 baptized members can have (4 men, 4 women) voting members.

CONGREGATIONS – KANSAS
500 - 1500 Baptized Members (4 voting members/2 men, 2 women)

CONG ID	CONGREGATION	CITY		BAPT MBRS
07605	Advent Lutheran Church	Olathe	KS	1203
10197	Atonement Lutheran Church	Overland Park	KS	1296
01576	Bethany Lutheran Church	Lindsborg	KS	764
01650	Emanuel Lutheran Church	Hutchinson	KS	784
01633	First Lutheran Church	Manhattan	KS	971
01638	First Lutheran Church	Topeka	KS	507
07821	Holy Cross Lutheran Church	Overland Park	KS	1338
01585	Salemsborg Lutheran Church	Smolan	KS	564
01685	St John Lutheran Church	Russell	KS	1020
01584	St John Lutheran Church	Salina	KS	714
20088	Trinity Lutheran Church	Great Bend	KS	866
01652	Trinity Lutheran Church	McPherson	KS	719

1501-2500 Baptized Members (6 voting members /3 men, 3 women)

CONG ID	CONGREGATION	CITY	BAPT MBRS
	None		

CONGREGATIONS – MISSOURI
500 -1500 Baptized Members (4 voting members/2 men, 2 women)

CONG ID	CONGREGATION	CITY		BAPT MBRS
30005	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Manchester	MO	1395
07623	Living Lord Lutheran Church	Lake St Louis	MO	804
20153	Lutheran Church of the Atonement	Florissant	MO	1322
01589	St Andrew Lutheran Church	Columbia	MO	502
10050	St Paul Lutheran Church	Cole Camp	MO	546
07613	Trinity Lutheran Church	Chesterfield	MO	568

1501 - 2500 Baptized Members (6 voting members /3 men, 3 women)

CONG ID	CONGREGATION	CITY	BAPT MBRS
	None		

Voting Members Waiver Form
DUE March 1, 2022

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 emailed by **March 1, 2022** to Mr. Tim Anderson, tanderson@css-elca.org.

You do not need to request a waiver if sending less than the minimum voting members allowed or if sending voting members that 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 requesting of a waiver:

Person requesting waiver: _____

Phone Number: (_____)_____e-mail address _____

Please return this form to the Synod Office by March 1, 2022
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