



METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, D.C. SYNOD, ELCA

SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBER

POSITION DESCRIPTION - Update: 4/2018

As you consider this opportunity for service, we would like you to know something of the expectations and responsibilities of this office so you can make an informed decision.

Commitment/Frequency

The Synod Council usually meets an average of eight (8) times per year. Council meetings are scheduled to last from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. In addition to the four officers, four Council Members are elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the Synod Council. Council Members elected to the Executive Committee are expected to attend all of the meetings of the committee.

Election Process & Term

Members of the Synod Council are elected for a two-year term. In accordance with our synod's constitution and bylaws, members of the Synod Council shall be elected by the Synod Assembly and can be reelected for a second consecutive term. Each member of the Synod Council shall be a voting member of a congregation of this synod, with the exception of ministers on the roster of this synod who reside outside the territory of this synod. The term of office for Synod Council members shall begin immediately upon election. The first Synod Council meeting for newly elected Council Members will be held in July 2018.

Function

- Serve as the board of directors of this synod and serve as its interim legislative authority between meetings of the Synod Assembly. It may make decisions which are not in conflict with actions taken by the Synod Assembly or which are not precluded by provisions of this constitution or the constitution and bylaws of the ELCA.
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- Exercise trusteeship responsibilities on behalf of this synod.
 - Recommend program goals and budgets to the regular meetings of the Synod Assembly.
 - Carry out the resolutions of the Synod Assembly.
 - Provide for an annual review of the rosters of ministers of words and sacrament and ministers of word and service, receive and act upon appropriate recommendations regarding those persons whose status is subject to reconsideration and action under the constitution and bylaws of the ELCA, and make a report to the Synod Assembly of the Synod Council's actions in this regard.
 - Issue letters of call to rostered ministers in accordance with Chapter 7 of the constitution and bylaws of the ELCA.
 - Determine the fact of the incapacity of an officer of this synod.
 - Fill vacancies in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of this synod until the next regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.
 - Report its actions to the regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.
 - Perform such other functions as are set forth in the bylaws of this synod, or as may be delegated to it by the Synod Assembly.
 - Assist the life and mission of this synod through oversight, coordination, and support of all the committees and other organizational units of this synod.

No elected member of the Synod Council shall receive compensation for their service.

If a member of the Synod Council who is a lay person ceases to be a voting member of a congregation of this synod, the office filled by such member shall at once become vacant.

If a member of the Synod Council who is a minister of word and sacrament or minister of word and service ceases to be a member in good standing on a roster of this synod, the office filled by such member shall at once become vacant.

Nomination

We are looking for people who are faithful Christians, highly participative, ask questions, generate ideas, make decisions, accept responsibility, and are collegial. Are you willing?

