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Voting Member, 2022 Churchwide Assembly Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod Position Description and Expectations (As of February 2021)

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

Commitment /Frequency

The Churchwide Assembly meets triennially in regular session, and the next regular session is scheduled to meet during the week of August 8, 2022, in Columbus, Ohio. Voting members of the Churchwide Assembly have their travel expenses paid for by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Election Process and Term

The Churchwide Assembly is the highest legislative authority of the ELCA churchwide organization and deals with all matters which are necessary in pursuit of the purposes and functions of this church. The powers of the Churchwide Assembly are limited only by the provisions of the ELCA's Articles of Incorporation, the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*, and the assembly's own resolutions.

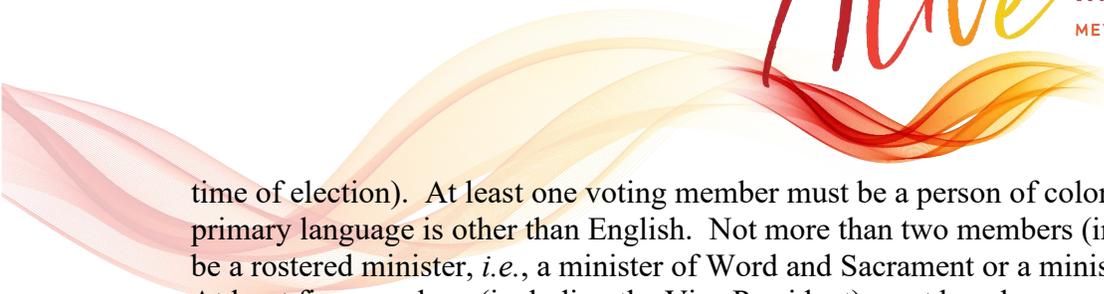
In accordance with the constitutions and bylaws of the ELCA and the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod, voting members of the Churchwide Assembly shall be elected by the Synod Assembly and each voting member of the Churchwide Assembly shall be a voting member of a congregation of this church and synod. Voting members of the Churchwide Assembly shall begin serving with the opening of the regular Churchwide Assembly to which they were elected and shall continue serving until voting members are seated at the next regular Churchwide Assembly. Accordingly, in the unlikely event that a special Churchwide Assembly is held between the regular 2022 and 2025 Churchwide Assemblies, each voting member of the 2022 Churchwide Assembly will also be a voting member of the special Churchwide Assembly.

This synod will send seven voting members to the 2022 Churchwide Assembly, including the bishop and vice president. Accordingly, five voting members will be elected by the Synod Assembly. At least one voting member must be a youth or young adult (not over 30 at the



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time of election). At least one voting member must be a person of color or a person whose primary language is other than English. Not more than two members (including the bishop) may be a rostered minister, *i.e.*, a minister of Word and Sacrament or a minister of Word and Service. At least five members (including the Vice President) must be a lay person. Certain gender balance considerations will also apply.

Functions and Duties

The Churchwide Assembly shall:

- Review the work of the churchwide units, and for this purpose require and receive reports from them and act on business proposed by them.
- Receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies.
- Establish churchwide policy.
- Adopt a budget for the churchwide organization.
- Elect officers, board members, and other persons as provided in the constitution or bylaws.
- Establish churchwide units to carry out the functions of the churchwide organization.
- Have the sole authority to amend the constitution and bylaws.
- Fulfill other functions as required in the constitution and bylaws.
- Conduct such other business as necessary to further the purposes and functions of the churchwide organization.

At the 2022 Churchwide Assembly, a vice president will be elected to a six-year term.

Nomination Process

Interested individuals should complete the Candidate Information Form at the Web page for the 2021 Synod Assembly, at <http://metrodcelca.org/2021assembly/>.

We are looking for people who live faithfully under the discipline of Word and Sacrament, who love our Lord and the Church, and who are well informed about our life together in Christ, able to listen, pray, and decide in regard to all matters before this church when it assembles. The work of voting members of the Churchwide Assembly is that of informed voting members, not delegates from a synod or a congregation. Therefore, we are looking for people of faith, of knowledge, and of wisdom. Are you willing to have your name submitted for nomination?



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