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METRO D.C. SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2021

Candidate, ELCA Church Council 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 Church Council meets at least two times each year but may also schedule special meetings between regular meetings. Meetings are held either in person at the Lutheran Center in Chicago, Illinois, or virtually. Church Council members will also be members of one of the four standing committees, and may be members of other committees as their interests may appear. Church Council members have their travel expenses paid for by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Election Process and Term

Each of the 65 synods of the ELCA is given an opportunity, on a rotating basis, to elect two candidates for a position on the Church Council. Only one of these candidates will be elected by the 2022 Churchwide Assembly to serve in this capacity. The Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod has been assigned the opportunity to elect two such candidates at the 2021 Synod Assembly. In order to meet the representational requirements applicable to the Church Council, *each candidate from this synod must be a lay woman.*

Church Council members are elected to one six-year term, except for two youth members who are elected to three-year terms. The member's term will begin at the conclusion of the 2022 Churchwide Assembly and will end at the conclusion of the 2028 Churchwide Assembly.

Functions and Duties

The Church Council consists of between 32 and 45 members, including the four officers and the chair of the Conference of Bishops. In accordance with applicable provisions of the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Church in America*, the Church Council shall or may:



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- Exercise interim legislative authority and serve as the board of directors of the churchwide organization.
- Act on the policies proposed by churchwide units, when requested by the presiding bishop or the churchwide unit.
- Ensure that the actions of the Churchwide Assembly are implemented by the applicable unit or office.
- Receive from the Office of the Presiding Bishop regular reports on the programs and procedures of the churchwide units.
- Through the presiding bishop, ensure that the purposes, policies and objectives of this church are being fulfilled.
- Review all recommendations from churchwide units for possible consideration by the Churchwide Assembly and determine which, if any, should be forwarded to the Churchwide Assembly for action.
- Adopt policies in accord with this church's constitutions, bylaws, and continuing resolutions.
- Upon recommendation of the presiding bishop, submit budget proposals for approval by the Churchwide Assembly and authorize expenditures within the parameters of approved budgets.
- Adopt personnel policies for the churchwide organization, including salary structures.
- Report its actions to the Churchwide Assembly.
- Consult with and refer matters to the Conference of Bishops as well as receive reports from it.
- Act on resolutions from Synod Councils.
- Provide for the installation of the churchwide officers.
- Establish ranges for the salaries for the presiding bishop, secretary, and treasurer.
- Direct the churchwide organization to exercise the corporate social responsibility of this church by filing shareholder resolutions, casting proxy ballots, and taking other actions as it deems appropriate.
- Establish the criteria and policies for the relationship between the churchwide organization and independent, cooperative, and related Lutheran organizations.
- Arrange the process for all elections as specified in this constitution and bylaws for churchwide units to assure conformity with established criteria.

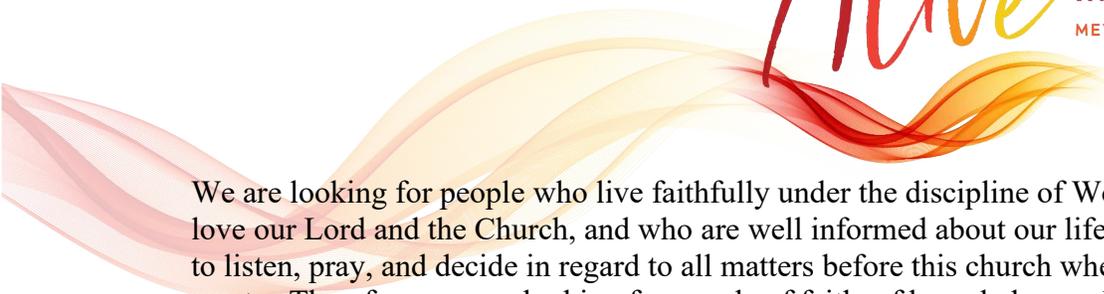
Nomination Process

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



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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 the Church Council meets. 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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