



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod

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Synod Vice President, Metropolitan Washington DC Synod

Description and Expectations

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You have been asked to consider having your name placed in nomination for a four-year term as Vice President of the Metropolitan Washington DC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). 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.

In accordance with our synod's Constitution and Bylaws, the Vice President shall be elected by the Synod Assembly and can be reelected. The Vice President shall be a layperson and a voting member of a congregation of this synod. The term of office for Vice President shall begin on September 1, 2009.

The Vice President shall chair the Synod Council. 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. on a Saturday morning. The first Synod Council meeting for newly elected Synod Council members will be held on July 11, 2009. The Vice President is also a member of the Synod Executive Committee *ex officio*. The Synod Executive Committee usually meets one evening a month (typically the first Thursday of the month) from approximately 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Synod Office. The first Synod Executive Committee meeting for the newly elected Vice President will be held on June 4, 2009. The Vice President will serve as a member *ex officio* of all Churchwide Assemblies.

In the event of the death, resignation, or disability of the bishop, the Vice President shall convene the Synod Council to arrange for the conduct of the duties of the bishop until a new bishop shall be elected or, in the case of temporary disability, until the bishop resumes full performance of the duties of the office.

We are looking for a person who is a faithful and mature Christian, one who is highly participative, asks questions, generates ideas, makes decisions, accepts responsibility, works collegially and is able to keep confidences. Are you willing to have your name submitted for nomination?

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The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Slovakia, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia, The Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Namibia, and The Lutheran Church in El Salvador