

Vice-President

This position shall chair the Synod Council and Synod Executive Committee. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as are assigned by the Synod Council or the bishop, in the capacity of president of the synod. The Vice-President shall be a layperson, male or female, elected by the Synod Assembly for a term of 3 years in 2025 only and may be reelected to a 4 year term subsequently. *Nominees will be asked to give 10-minute speech prior to first ballot.*

Secretary

This position shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Synod Assembly and Synod Council, attest all instruments signed and sealed by the bishop, classify and arrange all important papers and documents and deposit them in the archives of this synod, and provide to the secretary of this church a certified list of the voting members elected by the Synod Assembly. The Secretary shall be a rostered minister or layperson, elected by the Synod Assembly for a term of 2 years in 2025 only and may be reelected to a 4 year term subsequently.

Synod Council Representatives

The Synod Council sees to it that the mission and vision of the Synod are lifted and carried forward.

Mission: **Share Christ, Make Disciples, Do Justice in the world.** Vision: **To be deeply rooted in Christ, firmly grounded in Word and Sacrament, and joyfully sent for the sake of the world.**

A Synod Council member shall be a voting member of a congregation of this synod. The term of office shall be three years. The Synod Council is the board of directors of the synod and serves as its interim legislative authority between meetings of the Synod Assembly.

The functions of synod council are:

- Trusteeship responsibilities on behalf of the synod,
- Recommend program goals and budgets to meetings of the Synod Assembly,
- Carry out the resolutions of the Synod Assembly,
- Provide an annual review of the roster of the rosters, receive and act upon recommendations regarding those persons whose status is subject to reconsideration,
- Issue letters of call to rostered persons,
- Fill vacancies in elected positions until the next regular meeting of Synod Assembly, and
- Report its actions to regular meetings of Synod Assembly.
- The Synod Council meets four times a year at various sites around the territory of the synod.

Consultation Committee

The committee consists of 12 members, 50% rostered ministers and 50% laypersons. They are elected by Synod Assembly for a term of six years. Members of this committee may be called upon by the bishop when there are indications that a cause for discipline may exist of a rostered minister or layperson and before charges are made. The bishop may wish to resolve the situation by consultation and would call upon the consultation committee for assistance. The Consultation Committee will advise the bishop as to whether the bishop should bring charges or other recommendations for the resolution of the controversy that would not involve proceedings before a discipline hearing committee. If requested by the bishop, members of the committee also may assist, as representatives of the accuser, in the presentation of evidence and examination of witnesses before a discipline hearing committee. A member of the consultation committee may not be a member of the Discipline Committee.