

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 ministers,
- 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.

Discipline Committee

The committee consists of 12 members, 50% rostered ministers and 50% laypersons. They are elected by the Synod Assembly for a term of six years. This committee serves as a hearing committee and may make recommendations relating to discipline of a rostered minister or layperson, according to ELCA and synod guidelines, to the Bishop or Synod Council. A member of the discipline committee may not be a member of the consultation committee.