



DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE DESCRIPTION.

Term: 6 years. Elected at Synod Assembly.

Commitment: Panels from this committee meet only for specific situations. Fortunately, it has very seldom been necessary. (No regular meetings).

This committee is a team of persons from which a panel may be chosen if there is need to address/consider disciplinary action against a rostered person.

20.22.07. When charges are brought by a synod bishop or the presiding bishop of this church, or when charges are brought other than by a synod bishop and have not been withdrawn or dismissed or otherwise disposed of as provided in 20.22.06., the synod bishop or the presiding 148 / ELCA CONSTITUTION—CHAPTER 20 (11-2022) bishop, as appropriate, shall deliver a copy of the charges to the accused and the secretary of this church.

20.22.08. A discipline hearing committee shall be convened to conduct a hearing. The voting members of this committee shall be composed of 12 persons of whom six shall be selected by the Synod Council's Executive Committee from the Committee on Discipline of the synod and six shall be selected from the churchwide Committee on Discipline under the process described in 20.22.11. The rules authorized in 20.22.14. shall establish the method, based upon the remainder of the term, for determining which members of the synod committee shall serve as the voting members and which shall serve as alternates. A hearing officer selected from the churchwide Committee of Hearing Officers under the process described in 20.22.12. shall preside as the non-voting chair of the discipline hearing committee.