



## SYNOD COUNCIL DESCRIPTION.

**Term:** 3 years. (May not serve two (2) consecutive terms).

**Elections:** occur at Conference Assemblies; At-Large members are elected at Synod Assembly.

**Commitment:** The council generally meets 4-6 times per year with some of the meetings being held in-person (typically on Saturday) and others electronically. At times, members may be called to a brief electronic meeting if the bishop deems it necessary. Council members are also requested to attend the Synod Assembly. Lay members of the Synod Council are voting members of the Synod Assembly if they are not otherwise elected as voting members of their congregations.

The Synod Council provides ongoing leadership for the synod and acts as its primary decision-making body between synod assemblies. It coordinates the work of boards, committees, and staff. The council develops and proposes the annual budget. Members seek to tell the story of our synod's work in a variety of settings. This person should have previously served on a synod board or committee, must have some computer technical knowledge, and must be able to drive or have transportation to meetings.

**S10.03.** The functions of the Synod Council shall be to:

- a. Articulate and promote the mission of the synod.
- b. Exercise trusteeship responsibilities on behalf of this synod.
- c. Recommend program goals and budgets to the regular meetings of the Synod Assembly.
- d. Carry out the resolutions of the Synod Assembly.
- e. Provide for an annual review of the roster of Ministers of Word and Sacrament and the roster of Ministers of Word and Service, receive and act upon appropriate recommendations regarding those persons whose status is subject to reconsideration and action under the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and make a report to the Synod Assembly of the Synod Council's actions in this regard.
- f. Issue letters of call to rostered ministers as authorized by Chapter 7 of the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- g. Fill vacancies until the next regular meeting of the Synod Assembly, except as may otherwise be provided in the constitution or bylaws of this synod and determine the fact of the incapacity of an officer of this synod.
- h. Report its actions to the regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.
- i. Elect synod ministers if such positions are created by the Synod Assembly.
- j. Approve the salaries of synod ministers in accordance with the budget adopted by the Synod Assembly.
- k. Provide for the appointment of members to the governing boards of those synod partner agencies and institutions whose members are not elected by the synod assembly.
- l. Establish the number of and boundaries for conferences and have authority to approve transfers of congregations from one conference to another.
- m. Provide for an annual examination of all investments and securities held by the synod for report and/or recommendation of action to the Synod Assembly.
- n. Review the ministry of the conferences and provide guidance for their work with the synod.
- o. Perform such other functions as are set forth in the bylaws of this synod, or as may be delegated to it by the synod assembly.