

2021 Nominations for Central States Synod Assembly

Introduction

Each year the voting members of the Synod Assembly elect people who have been nominated to various positions, such as members of the Synod Council. Ultimately, the voting members of the Assembly are responsible for the nominations, but they are assisted by members of congregations, area ministry leaders, and the Nominating Committee. There are two stages to the nominating process, one before the assembly and one at the assembly. All Synod Council positions (except the youth positions) require a background check and therefore nominees need to submit a disclosure form along with the nomination form.

Pre-Assembly

Early in the calendar year, the Nominating Committee works with area ministries to fulfill its responsibility as described in the synod bylaws (S9.03.04). Nomination forms (included below) are to be submitted to the synod office no later than **April 15, 2021**.

Nominating Committee:

Ms. Melba Bangert, melbangert@gmail.com

Ms. Pat Bjuland, pbjuland@sbcglobal.net

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The chair of the Nominating Committee is Pat Bjuland, Atonement Lutheran Church, Overland Park, KS. Phone: 816-674-0828. E-mail: pbjuland@sbcglobal.net.

At the assembly

Nominations may also take place at the assembly as described in the synod bylaws (S9.03.05). People nominated from the floor need to provide information requested on the biographical form and in some cases, a disclosure form.

Participating in the Process

Whether you are a voting member of the assembly or not, if you have questions about how you can participate in the nominating process or would like to suggest someone for nomination, please contact your pastor, the chair of the Nominating Committee, Pat Bjuland, or member of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the following positions:

Synod Council Members (3-year term. Can serve two terms)

Western Kansas Conference – Lay male

Osage Conference – Clergy male. Incumbent eligible

Eastern Missouri Conference – Clergy female

At Large – Male POC. Incumbent eligible

At Large – Lay female. Incumbent eligible

At Large Youth – Female

Consultation Committee (Six-year term. Can serve only one term)

One Lay female One Lay male

Discipline Committee (Six-year term. Can serve only one term)

One Lay female One Lay male

Two clergy

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Eastern Missouri Conference – Clergy female

Osage Conference – Lay male

Border Conference – Clergy male

Central Kansas Conference – Clergy male

Western Kansas Conference – Lay male

At Large – Lay male POC

At Large – Lay female POC

At Large – Female or Non Binary

At Large – Lay female Y/YA

At Large – Lay male Y/YA

(Y/YA – Youth or Young Adult; POC – Persons of Color)

Helpful information:

Responsibilities for Synod Council which members:

- Council shall be the board of directors for the synod and serve as its interim legislative authority between meetings of the Synod Assembly
- attend council meetings, ordinarily three times a year
- serve as a member of their area ministry executive committee

Rostered ministers of word and service (Deacons) may be nominated for any "lay" position as long they meet the requirements for the position.

* The term "persons of color and/or person whose primary language is other than English" (PC/L*) is understood to mean African American, black, Arab, and Middle Eastern, Asian and Pacific Islander, Latino, American Indian, and Alaska Native people.

The term "youth" means a voting member of a congregation who has not reached the age of 18 at the time of election. The term "young adult" means a voting member of a congregation between the ages of 18 and 30 at the time of election.

It is the goal of this synod that at least 10 percent of the voting members of the Synod Assembly, Synod Council, committees and organizational units of this synod be youth and young adults. (S6.04.B09. Adopted by 2009 Churchwide Assembly)

The functions of the consultation and discipline committees are outlined in Chapter 20 of the ELCA Constitution and Chapter 17 of the Central States Synod Constitution.