

Official Information
Voting Member of Synod Assembly
Northern Texas - Northern Louisiana Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Voting Members to the Annual Synod Assembly

+S7.21. The membership of the Synod Assembly, of which at least 60% of the voting membership shall be composed of lay persons, shall be constituted as follows: ...

- c. A minimum of one lay member elected by each congregation with fewer than 175 baptized members and a minimum of two lay members elected by each congregation with more than 175 baptized members related to this synod, normally one of whom shall be male and one of whom shall be female, shall be voting members. The Synod Council shall establish a formula to provide additional lay representation from congregations on the basis of the number of baptized members in the congregation. The Synod Council shall seek to ensure that, as nearly as possible, 50 percent of the lay members of the assembly shall be female and 50 percent shall be male. Additional members from each congregation normally shall be equally divided between male and female.

S7.21.C.A91 Congregations shall be allotted additional voting members as follows: up to 500 baptized members, two voting members; 501 - 750 baptized members, 3 voting members; 751 - 1000 baptized members, 4 voting members; 1001 or more baptized members, 5 voting members. Selection of the voting members by the congregation shall be on the basis of the most recently submitted annual parochial report and shall adhere to male - female formula outlined in +S7.21.c. Any congregation allotted an additional youth voting member under S7.21.01 need not consider such additional youth voting member as one of their additional voting members under this resolution.

S7.26.0 The participants of synodically authorized worshipping communities may elect voting members of the Synod Assembly, consistent with the requirements for congregations as expressed in +S7.21.

Purpose of the Annual Assembly

+S7.01. This synod shall have a Synod Assembly, which shall be its highest legislative authority. The powers of the Synod Assembly are limited only by the provisions in the Articles of Incorporation, this constitution and bylaws, the assembly's own resolutions, and the constitutions and bylaws of this church.

+S7.11. A regular meeting of the Synod Assembly shall be held at least biennially.

S7.11.01. The regular meeting of the Synod Assembly shall be held annually at a time and place determined by the Synod Council. The proposed agenda of business of the Assembly shall be determined by the Synod Council. The program of the Assembly shall be determined by the bishop and a host conference.

Responsibilities of the Voting Members

+S13.02. It shall be the responsibility of each congregation of this synod annually to choose from among its voting members lay persons to serve as members of the Synod Assembly as well as persons to represent it at meetings of any conference, cluster, or coalition of which it is a member. The number of persons to be elected by each congregation and other qualifications shall be as prescribed in guidelines established by this synod.