



**Southeastern Minnesota Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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# **2017 Nominations Workbook**

**for**

**Synod Council At-Large**

**Synod Council Youth Member** (under 18)

**Synod Council Young Adult Member** (18 - 30)

**Committee on Consultation**

**Committee on Discipline**

**and**

**Augsburg College Corporation Board**

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<p><b>Instructions</b></p> <p>The Synod Nominating Committee is responsible for nominating one person for each position for which an election will be held at the <b>2017 Synod Assembly</b>. In advance of the assembly, the nominating committee seeks nominees for consideration. Nominations in specific categories also can be made by voting members on the floor of the assembly.</p> <p>This booklet is designed to aid you in recommending nominees to the nominating committee. For each board or committee for which there will be an election, you will find the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A list of the position for which nominations are sought, along with any restrictions placed on a given nomination,</li> <li>• A list of people whose terms are expiring,</li> <li>• A list of continuing members of the board or committee, and</li> <li>• A job description for the board or committee.</li> </ul>	<p>The Synod Nominating Committee is responsible for nominations for committees and vacancies on the Augsburg College Corporation Board. It welcomes names of people who would be appropriate for these posts.</p> <p>Please provide the nominating committee with the names, contact information and list of leadership qualities of as many people as you deem qualified for the various vacancies indicated, and please encourage others to submit nominations as well.</p> <p>The nomination process is governed by the principles detailed in the Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod. Please nominate only people who match the requirements of a given category. Recommend a nominee to the nominating committee by sending the person's name and contact information to <a href="mailto:nominations@semnsynod.org">nominations@semnsynod.org</a></p> <p>Nominees must complete the nomination form at <a href="http://www.semnsynod.org/nominations">www.semnsynod.org/nominations</a> or submit a hard copy of the the nomination form by <b>February 23, 2017</b>.</p>
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†S6.04.01 *It is the goal of this synod that 10 percent of the membership of synod assemblies, councils, committees, boards, and/or other organizational units be persons of color and/or persons whose primary language is other than English.*

†S6.04.02. *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. The Synod Council shall establish a plan for implementing this goal. For purposes of the constitution, bylaws, and continuing resolutions of this synod, the term "youth" means a voting member of a congregation who has not reach the age of 18 at the time of election or appointment for service. The term "young adult" means a voting member of a congregation between the ages of 18 and 30 at the time of election or appointment for service.*

**Southeastern Minnesota Synod Council Job Description**  
**Serve for 2 year term, can be re-elected for consecutive term**

**Chapter 10. Synod Council**

- †S10.01. *The Synod Council consisting of the four officers of the synod, 10 to 24 other members, and at least one youth and at least one young adult shall be elected by the Synod Assembly.*
- a. *Each person elected to the Synod Council shall be a voting member of a congregation of this synod, with the exception of ministers on a roster of this synod who reside outside the territory of this synod. The process for election and the term of office when not otherwise provided shall be specified in the bylaws. A member of the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, unless otherwise elected as a voting member of the Synod Council, may serve as an advisory member of the Synod Council with voice but not vote.*
  - b. *The term of office of members of the Synod Council, with the exception of the officers and the youth member shall be two years.*
- S10.01.B99. *Should a member die, resign, or be unable to serve, the Synod Nominating Committee shall nominate a replacement to the Synod Council for election until the next Synod Assembly.*
- S10.01.01. *The Synod Council shall meet at least two times annually. Special meetings may be called by any three members of the Synod Council, or by the Bishop of the synod. In the case of the bishop's death, incapacity to serve, or removal, a special meeting may be called by the vice president. A majority of the members of the Synod Council shall constitute a quorum.*
- †S10.02. *The Synod Council shall be the board of directors of this synod and shall serve as its interim legislative authority between meetings of the Synod Assembly. It may make decisions that are not in conflict with actions taken by the Synod Assembly or that are not precluded by provisions of this constitution or the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*
- S10.03. *The functions of the Synod Council shall be to:*
- a. *Exercise trusteeship responsibilities on behalf of this synod.*
  - b. *Recommend program goals and budgets to the regular meetings of the Synod Assembly.*
  - c. *Carry out the resolutions of the Synod Assembly.*
  - d. *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.*
  - e. *Issue letters of call to rostered ministers as authorized by Chapter 7 of the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*
  - f. *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.*

- g. Report its actions to the regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.*
- h. Call or appoint Assistants to the Bishop if and when such positions are created by this synod in assembly.*
- i. Approve the salaries of synod staff in accordance with the budget adopted by the Synod Assembly.*
- j. Provide for the appointment of representatives of the governing boards of those agencies and institutions whose representatives are not elected by the Synod Assembly.*
- k. Provide for an annual examination of all investments and securities held by the synod for report and/or recommendations of action to the Synod Assembly.*
- l. 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.*

*S10.04. Any proposal to appropriate funds, whether by amendment to the budget or otherwise, which is presented to a meeting of the Synod Assembly without the approval of the Synod Council shall require a two-thirds vote for adoption.*

*S10.05. No elected member of the Synod Council shall receive compensation for such service.*

*S10.06. If a member of the Synod Council ceases to meet the requirements of the position to which she or he was elected the office filled by such member shall at once become vacant.*

*S10.07. The composition of the Synod Council, the number of its members, and the manner of their selection, as well as the organization of the Synod Council, its additional duties and responsibilities, and the number of meetings to be held each year shall be as set forth in the bylaws.*

*S10.07.01. To the extent permitted by state law, meetings of the Synod Council and its committees may be held electronically or by telephone conference, and notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.*

### **Synod Council At Large Members**

2 year term

<b>Synod Council Members At Large</b> <i>2 year term on the Synod Council</i>	
<b>Rev. Mark Johnson</b>	<b>Eligible for second term</b>
<b>Ms. Cheryl Kylo</b>	<b>Eligible for second term</b>
<b>Rev. Ashley Osborn</b>	<b>Eligible for second term</b>

### Synod Council Youth (under 18)

1 year term

<b>Synod Council Youth Member</b> <i>1 year term on the Synod Council</i>	
<b>Ms. Maria Nielsen</b>	<b>Eligible for second term</b>
<b>VACANCY – Lay male or female</b>	

### Synod Council Young Adult (18 - 30)

2 year term

<b>Synod Council Young Adult Member</b> <i>2 year term on the Synod Council</i>	
<b>VACANCY – Lay or Clergy male</b>	

<b>Synod Council (May 2017)</b>	<b>Term</b>
<i>Ms. Jodie Archer, Synod Secretary</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> (4 year term for officers/2014-2018)</i>
<i>Rev. Jason Bryan-Wegner</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> (2016)</i>
<i>Mr. Jeff Chestnut, Synod Treasurer</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> (4-year term for officers/2016-2020)</i>
<i>Rev. Heather Culuris</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> (2016)</i>
<i>Rev. Jay Dahlvang</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> (2016)</i>
<i>Rev. Kerry Eversole</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> (2016)</i>
<i>Ms. Amanda Gebhart</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> (2016)</i>
<i>Rev. Regina Hassanally</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> (2016)</i>
<b>Rev. Mark Johnson</b>	<b>Eligible for second term</b>
<i>Rev. Dave Klawiter</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> (2016)</i>
<b>Ms. Cheryl Kylo</b>	<b>Eligible for second term</b>
<i>Mr. Craig Nelson</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> (2016)</i>
<b>Ms. Maria Nielsen</b>	<b>Eligible for second term</b>
<i>Mr. John Odegard</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> (2016)</i>
<b>Rev. Ashley Osborn</b>	<b>Eligible for second term</b>
<i>Ms. Ann Peterson, Synod Vice President</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> (4 year term for officers/2015-2019)</i>
<i>Ms. Regina Seabrook</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> (2016)</i>
<b>VACANCY (youth)</b>	
<b>VACANCY (young adult lay or clergy)</b>	

## Committee on Consultation

†S11.02 *The Consultation Committee of this synod shall consist of at least six persons and not more than 12 persons, of whom half shall be ministers of Word and Sacrament and half shall be laypersons, who shall each be elected by the Synod Assembly for a term of six years without consecutive reelection. The functions of the Consultation Committee are set forth in Chapter 20 of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and in Chapter 17 of this constitution. The size of the Consultation Committee, in accord with this provision, shall be defined in this synod's bylaws.*

The Consultation Committee meets when called upon by the bishop to advise the bishop on matters relating to possible discipline of congregations and/or pastors on the roster of the synod. They meet only on an as-needed basis.

***Vacancies restricted to the conference listed below.***

<b>Committee on Consultation</b> <i>6 year term on Committee on Consultation without consecutive re-election.</i>	
<b>VACANCY– Lay (BER)</b>	<b>2017-2023</b>
<b>VACANCY – Lay (CR)</b>	<b>2017-2023</b>
<b>VACANCY– Clergy (RR)</b>	<b>2017-2023</b>

<b>Committee on Consultation</b>	<b>Term</b>
Rev Steven Berkland (clergy BER)	2015-2021
<b>VACANCY (lay BER)</b>	<b>**2017-2023</b>
Rev Karl Rydholm (clergy CR)	2014-2020
<b>VACANCY (lay CR)</b>	<b>**2017-2023</b>
Rev Tammy Dahlvang (clergy MR)	2014-2020
Mr Duane Olson (lay MR)	2016-2022
Mr Steve Donney (lay RR)	2015-2021
<b>VACANCY (clergy RR)</b>	<b>**2017-2023</b>
Rev Kim Cassidy (clergy ZR)	2015-2021
Mr David Erickson (lay ZR)	2015-2021

## Committee on Discipline

- †S11.03. The Committee on Discipline of this synod shall consist of 12 persons of whom six shall be ministers of Word and Sacrament and six shall be laypersons, who shall each be elected by the Synod Assembly for a term of six years without consecutive reelection.*
- a. The functions of the Committee on Discipline of this synod are set forth in Chapter 20 of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*
  - b. The Synod Council shall fill vacancies on the Committee on Discipline for any unexpired term.*

When charges are brought by the bishop of this synod, or by the bishop of this church, or are brought by others and the matter has not been withdrawn or dismissed under the consultation process, the Committee on Discipline may be called upon to serve on a discipline hearing committee to conduct a hearing of the charges brought against ministers of Word and Service, ministers of Word and Sacrament, or congregations.

***Vacancies restricted to the conference listed below.***

<b>Committee on Discipline</b> <i>6 year term on Committee on Discipline without consecutive re-election.</i>	
<b>VACANCY – Clergy (BER)</b>	<b>2017-2023</b>
<b>VACANCY – Lay (BER)</b>	<b>2017-2023</b>
<b>VACANCY – Clergy (CR)</b>	<b>2017-2023</b>
<b>VACANCY – Clergy (MR)</b>	<b>2017-2023</b>
<b>VACANCY – Lay (ZR)</b>	<b>2017-2023</b>

**\*\* See following page for Committee on Discipline Roster**



<b>Committee on Discipline</b>	<b>Term</b>
<b>VACANCY (clergy BER)</b>	<b>**2017-2023</b>
<b>VACANCY (lay BER)</b>	<b>**2017-2023</b>
Mr Keith Holt (lay CR)	2013-2019
<b>VACANCY (clergy CR)</b>	<b>**2017-2023</b>
Mr Robert Ihrig (lay MR)	2016-2022
<b>VACANCY (clergy MR)</b>	<b>**2017-2023</b>
Mr Burton Svendsen (lay RR)	2012-2018
Rev Louise Stromberg (clergy RR)	2013-2019
Rev Steve Rheingans (clergy ZR)	2013-2019
<b>VACANCY (lay ZR)</b>	<b>**2017-2023</b>
Ms Shirley Gangstad (lay at-large)	2015-2021
Rev Mark Niethammer (clergy at-large)	2015-2021

## Augsburg College Corporation

Augsburg College maintains connections with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through the Augsburg Corporation. Comprised of members of the Board of Regents, faculty, administration, and students, the Corporation also includes eight delegates and the bishop from the four synods within Augsburg's designated region: Minneapolis Area Synod, Saint Paul Area Synod, Southeastern Minnesota Synod, and Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. The Corporation meets annually in September to elect members to the College's Board of Regents and to approve, when necessary, changes to the College's articles of incorporation and bylaws. Delegates elected to serve as part of the Augsburg Corporation serve a two-year term, with eligibility for election to one additional term, and are asked to attend one meeting annually (usually a half-day commitment).

***Term of office: Recent changes in the Augsburg College Corporation Board's by-laws reduced the number of representatives from Southeastern Minnesota Synod from 17 to 8. Board members are elected for a two-year term and can serve two consecutive terms.***

<b>Augsburg College Corporation Board</b> <i>2 year term</i>	
Rev. Dr. Joy Bussert (CR)	Eligible for second term
Rev. Betsy Ann Hagloff Dartt (RR)	Eligible for second term
Rev. Kerry Eversole (RR)	Eligible for second term
Rev. Arne Jessen (MR)	Eligible for second term
Rev. Jeremy Johnson (ZR)	Eligible for second term
Rev. David Klawiter (MR)	Eligible for second term
Ms. Mary Nelson (BER)	Eligible for second term
Ms. Lynn Pohlman (MR)	Eligible for second term
Ms. Amanda Sabelko (ZR)	Eligible for second term
Mr. Jim Stromberg (RR)	Eligible for second term

<b>Augsburg College Corporation Board</b>	<b>Term (1 or 2 term)</b>
Rev. Mark Boorsma (BER)	2015-2017 (2)
Rev. Craig Breimhorst (CR)	2015-2017 (2)
<b>Rev. Jeremy Johnson (ZR)</b>	<b>2015-2017 (1)</b>
Rev. Karna Hagen Moskalik (ZR)	2015-2017 (2)
Mr. Craig Nelson (BER)	2015-2017 (2)
<b>Ms. Mary Nelson (BER)</b>	<b>2015-2017 (1)</b>
<b>Ms. Lynn Pohlman (MR)</b>	<b>2015-2017 (1)</b>
<b>Ms. Amanda Sabelko (ZR)</b>	<b>2015-2017 (1)</b>
Rev. Andrea Myers (alternate)	2015-2017 (2)

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Completed nomination forms may be mailed to:

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