

Guide to Assembly Roles

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The information below is intended to guide you to the role an individual may serve for the assembly.

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Role	Privileges	
	Voice?	Vote?
Voting Member	Y	Y
Voice without Vote	Y	N
Visitor	N	N

If you are a <u>rostered leader</u> and...	Role:	Notes
Actively serving a congregation	Voting Member	
Not in an active call	Voice without Vote	
Retired	Voice without Vote	<i>May not be elected by congregation.*</i>
Retired , nominated, and approved by the Office of the Bishop	Voting Member	
Interim , not under call, serving a congregation	Voice without Vote	
Interim under call	Voting Member	
Serving a specialized ministry call	Voting Member	

**Retired rostered leaders cannot be elected to serve as a voting member by their congregation because voting members elected by congregations are required to be layfolk. (*C5.04, +S7.21, and C10.41.01.)*

If you are a <u>layperson</u> and... <i>(Layperson: a person who is not a Pastor or Deacon of the ELCA.)</i>	Role:	Notes
Elected to be a voting member by your congregation	Voting Member	
Not elected as a voting member for your congregation (and not meeting any criteria below)	Visitor	
A member of Synod Council and not elected by your congregation	Voting Member	S7. 28
A member of Assembly Planning Team and not elected by your congregation	Visitor	
A pastoral intern and not elected by your congregation	Visitor	
First call assigned candidate not elected by your congregation	Voice without Vote	
A TEEM leader not elected by your congregation	Voice without Vote	
Serving as Assistant to the Bishop	Voting Member	+S7.21.01.c
Office of the Bishop staff member , not an Assistant to the Bishop	Visitor	