

Montana Synod Assembly Business

VOTING MEMBERS

Voting members are expected to register on site by 3 pm Friday. At that time a credentials report will be formulated and only those registered before that time will be eligible to vote on the first ballot for bishop, which is at 3:30 pm.

WHO IS A VOTING MEMBER? (according to the Constitution)

- One lay male and one lay female from each congregation with confirmed membership under 800 shall be voting members. Congregations with confirmed membership over 800 are allowed one additional lay voting member (either male or female). Congregations are encouraged to consider youth and young adults when electing or appointing voting members to the Synod Assembly and Theological Conference.
- All ELCA pastors under call and retired pastors on the roster of this synod in attendance at the assembly are voting members. All active pastors are expected to attend the assembly and should ask to be excused if they will not attend.
- All ELCA deacons under call on the word and service roster of this synod in attendance at the assembly are voting members. All active deacons are expected to attend the assembly and should ask to be excused if they will not attend.
- All elected lay Synod Council members are voting members.
- Ordained ministers of other churches with which the ELCA is in full communion and who are serving Montana Synod Congregations during the period of that ordained minister's service in a congregation of this church shall be voting members.

ADVISORY MEMBERS WITH VOICE BUT NO VOTE

- o Pastors or Deacons on the synod roster who are "On Leave From Call."
- o The churchwide bishop of the ELCA and other such official representatives of this church as may be designated by the Church Council.
- o Interns serving Montana Synod congregations.

Pastors and Deacons, On Leave From Call or Interns, Assignees, Friends and Spouses: Are not registered as voting members, but as visitors - Are not included in travel equalization. **Do** need to pre-register and pay for meals as a Visitor.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

A complete list of the nominating committee members is provided, along with Elections Information and a Nomination form. **Nominations are due April 12.**

RESOLUTIONS

Guidelines for Discussion and Consideration of resolutions are in this packet, as is a sample resolution form and a list of the committee. **Resolutions are due April 12.**

OTHER ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

The Assembly will consider bylaw changes (available online at www.montanasynd.org/assembly2019.html)

The Assembly will adopt a 2020 budget (available online at www.montanasynd.org/assembly2019.html)