

Meet the Future Boldly

Elections at the 2019 Montana Synod Assembly

The Nominating Committee receives nominations for open positions, and presents a slate of candidates to the assembly for election. The Nominating Committee is instructed by the Constitution to present up to two candidates for each position. Therefore, not all nominations that reach the nominating committee will be placed on the ballot. Nominations may be made from the floor (nominees must be contacted prior to their nomination). The nominating committee is also instructed to take into consideration geographical distribution (region, congregation, etc.), and other constitutionally mandated matters of balance. Deacons and Lay Pastoral Associates (LPAs) are considered lay persons.

The deadline for submitting nominations ahead of time is April 15, 2019. Nominations may be sent to the Montana Synod office at (406) 453-1461 (1221 24th Street South, Great Falls, MT, 59405) or by contacting a member of the Nominating Committee: Rev. Julie Long (406) 436-2457, Ms. Barbara Arensmeyer (406) 466-2679, Ms. Jeanne McCoskery (406) 360-1021, Mr. John Mundinger (406) 449-8996, Mr. John Sheppard (406) 994-4835, Rev. Mark Taylor (406) 765-1408

SYNOD COUNCIL: Officers elected to the Synod Council by the assembly serve a 4-year term and cluster and youth members a 3-year term.

_____	Vice-President	(4 yr term) 2023
Sue Ost	Treasurer	(4 yr term) 2023
_____	Clergy Fort Peck Cluster	(4 yr term) 2022
_____	Clergy Golden Triangle Cluster	(4 yr term) 2022
_____	Lay Female Great Divide Cluster	(4 yr term) 2022
_____	Lay Female Shepherd Cluster	(4 yr term) 2022
_____	Youth	(4 yr term) 2022

Consultation and Discipline Committee

When there are indications of conflict within a congregation or that a cause for discipline may exist and before charges are considered, efforts shall be made by the bishop of the synod to resolve the situation by consultation; for assistance in these efforts, the bishop may utilize either a consultation panel or an advisory panel to make recommendations for resolution of the controversy. If, however, no satisfactory conclusion can be found through consultation, the discipline committee is convened. (adapted from the ELCA constitution 20.21.04)

CONSULTATION COMMITTEE: shall consist of at least 6 members and not more than 12, half shall be pastors and half shall be lay persons. Elected to 6-year terms

1 _____	Lay Male	(6 yr term) 2025
2 _____	Lay Female	(6 yr term) 2025
3 Rev. Jim Darchuk		(term ends 2022)
4 Rev. Lindean Barnett-Christenson		(term ends 2023)
5 Alicia Moe		(term ends 2022)
6 Robin Menger		(term ends 2023)
7 David Rice		(term ends 2023)
8 Mark Goetz		(term ends 2020)
9 Rev. Julie Long		(term ends 2020)
10 Rev. Chris Flohr		(term ends 2021)

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE: Shall consist of 12 persons: 6 shall be pastors and 6 shall be lay persons. Elected to 6-year terms.

1 _____	Clergy	(term ends 2021)
2 _____	Clergy	(term ends 2021)
3 _____	Clergy	(term ends 2023)
4 _____	Clergy	(term ends 2025)
5 _____	Lay Male	(term ends 2025)
6 _____	Lay Female	(term ends 2025)
7 Steve Aadland		(term ends 2023)
8 Larry Lambert		(term ends 2021)
9 Maureen Stiles		(term ends 2021)
10 Rev. Steve VanGilder		(term ends 2023)