

Promote Unity

Elections at the 2017 Montana Synod Assembly

The Synod Nominating Committee, by Synod Constitution, is appointed by the Synod Council. This year's chair is John Sheppard. 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 Synod Council to present no more than 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.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Shall consist of 6 members, who are elected by the Synod Assembly, and serve for 3 year staggered terms.

1. _____ **Lay Female (3 yr term) 2020**
2. _____ **Pastor (3 yr term) 2020**
3. Pr. Joel Skindlov (Big Sandy) (term ends 2020)
4. Mr. Rob Stuberg (Helena) (term ends 2018)
5. Ms. Lorrie Vennes (Townsend) (term ends 2018)
6. Mr. John Sheppard (Bozeman) (term ends 2020)

Consultation and Discipline Committees

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 persons, half shall be Pastors half shall be lay persons. Elected to 6 year terms.

1. _____ **Pastor (5 yr term) 2022***
2. _____ **Pastor (6 yr term) 2023**
3. _____ **Lay Female (6 yr term) 2023**
4. _____ **Lay Female (5 yr term) 2022***
5. _____ **Lay Male (6 yr term) 2023**
6. Pr. Julie Long (term ends 2020)
7. Ms. Jolene Goodover (term ends 2021)
8. Mr. Glenn Deuchler (term ends 2021)
9. Mr. Mark Goetz (term ends 2020)
10. Pr. Chris Flohr (term ends 2021)

**Two of the nominations are adjusted to 5 year terms to allow for staggering of the nominations in the future.*

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE: Shall consist of 12 persons, of whom 6 shall be Pastors and 6 shall be lay persons. Elected to 6 year terms.

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| 1. _____ | Pastor (6 yr term) 2023 |
| 2. _____ | Pastor (6 yr term) 2023 |
| 3. _____ | Lay Male (6 yr term) 2023 |
| 4. Mr. John Trangmoe | (term ends 2021) |
| 5. Pr. Linda Webster | (term ends 2019) |
| 6. Pr. Nathan Clements | (term ends 2021) |
| 7. Pr. Christine Holler-Dinsmore | (term ends 2021) |
| 8. Pr. Ellen Ayres | (term ends 2021) |
| 9. Ms. Maureen Stiles | (term ends 2021) |
| 10. Mr. Jim Bryngleson | (term ends 2019) |
| 11. Ms. Patty Anglen | (term ends 2019) |
| 12. Mr. Larry Lambert | (term ends 2021) |

SYNOD COUNCIL

Pr. Linda Webster, Bearpaw Cluster, eligible for re-election (6-21(2))

Mr. Dick Deschamps, Crazy Mountain Cluster, eligible for re-election (6-21(2))

Ms. Tonja Erickson, Flathead Cluster, eligible for re-election (6-21(2))

Ms. Kristi Lobdell, Southeast Cluster, eligible for re-election (6-21(2))

All of the above current Synod Council members are eligible for re-election.

KOGUDUS BOARD – (2)

1, 3-year term

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Kogudus' Constitution requires that its board members be elected from amongst active participants in Kogudus ministry. The board meets two to four times a year. The executive committee may meet more often, as needed. The board sets the budget, listens to reports on activities, and helps with planning and setting the direction for the ministry. Kogudus submits names of nominees to the Nominating Committee.