

Southern Ohio Synod Council Information for Nominations

The following positions are open for nominations. The positions with incumbents who have agreed to be considered for nomination are marked with an asterisk *. Please note that all positions are 4-year terms.

Scioto Conference Lay Woman*
Muskingum Conference Lay Man
Dayton Conference Lay Man
At Large Rostered Minister*
At Large Lay Woman

Cincinnati Conference Lay Man
Central Ohio Conference Lay Man*
Central Ohio Conference Rostered Minister
At Large Lay Man*

Below is the job description for members of the Southern Ohio 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 shall be elected by the Synod Assembly.
- 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.
 - The term of office of members of the Synod Council, with the exception of the officers and the youth member, shall be four years.
- †S10.01.1 If a member of the Synod Council is absent without good cause from two consecutive regular meetings of the Council, the position shall be declared vacant and such vacancy shall be filled by the Synod Council until the next regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.
- †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 which are not in conflict with actions taken by the Synod Assembly or which 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:
- Exercise trusteeship responsibilities on behalf of this synod.
 - Recommend program goals and budgets to the regular meetings of the Synod Assembly.
 - Carry out the resolutions of the Synod Assembly.
 - 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.
 - Issue letters of call to rostered ministers as authorized by Chapter 7 of the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
 - 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.

- a. Report its actions to the regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.
 - b. 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.
- S10.03.01.** The Synod Council shall ratify representatives, as requested, to the Boards of Directors of Capital University and Wittenberg University.
- S10.03.02.** The Synod Council shall appoint representatives of the synod to the Boards of Directors of Oesterlen-Services for Youth, Inc., Ohio Council of Churches, Ohio Lutheran Campus Ministry, Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio, Midwest Ministry Development Center, Metropolitan Area Church Board, Columbus, Metropolitan Churches United, Dayton, and the Wernle Children's Home, Inc.
- S10.05.** No elected member of the Synod Council shall receive compensation for such service.

The members of the Synod Council meet at least four times a year to do the business of the synod as describe above. From time to time, a special meeting may be called to handle business that cannot wait until the next scheduled council meeting. The Synod Council is currently meeting virtually, but usually meets in person in Central Ohio on Saturdays.

If you are interested in submitting your name as a potential nominee for the Southern Ohio Synod Council ballot for the 2021 Synod Assembly, please complete the Word or PDF form below and send to Michelle Riesbeck, Nominations Committee Chairperson, via email at micheller@riesbeckfoods.com no later than March 22, 2021.